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# COMMENT OF THE DAY

# Suspicions At UN

N January 1 the McCarran Committee will resume investigating the American officials of the United Nations. Its right to do so has been upheld by the three international jurists appointed by Mr Trygve Lie to advise him on the relations between the committee and his staff. "In our opinion," they say, "there is no immunity or privilege enjoyed by any member of United Nations staff behind which he could if brought to shelter account on any charge of his taking part in subversive activities against the United States." Does this open the door to the McCarran Committee investigating non-Americans as well as American citizens; It is a serious matter. Because of the peculiar ideas and methods of the committee its inquiries are widely detested. It seems to assume that if it can show that a mature and responsible official moved in his undergraduate days in circles from which Communists were recruited it has proved him to be a bad adequate grounds for his and hopes of rescue faded. dismissal. A question of principle is involved and has

to be examined. raised is whether the coun- contact. try which is the host to the - At 7.30 p.m. local time, the they do not abuse their rent to carry it ashore. position and try to subvert "Lebanese rescuers awaiting it jurists seem to suggest that | 11. the way to harmonise the General himself to purge Malta. the Secretariat of Communists. But would Americal be safer if American Communists will other coun-from the deck into the sea at tries, even though not in about midday and disappeared. hensts? It is a bad outlook. their oath, not to be the instruments of any national Government.

# Shipwrecked Passengers 23 Tourists In Grim Danger Gaol-Breaker

# UNLESS IMMEDIATELY RESCUED

Beirut, Dec. 22.

An undetermined number of passengers and crew faced death tonight aboard the French liner Champollion, fast breaking up on the rocky, windlashed Lebanese coast.

The British 8,000-ton cruiser Kenya was speeding tonight from Port Said to the rescue of the vessel; whose captain sent a message ashore saying bluntly that all aboard were doomed unless they could be "immediately rescued" — and all rescue attempts so far have failed.

The liner appeared to be fast grinding to pieces on a sandbank as waves three metres high lashed her hull.

It is not clear exactly how many people are still on board, but the Champollion was earlier reported to be carrying 500 passengers and crew. Of these one boatload of 20 sailors struggled through ashore this security risk and has given afternoon, hauling a thick cable. But the cable broke

Under heavy rain a second making it impossible to use the cable connection was made later | engines, he said. with the ship, but with the The officer said about ten immediate question raging era it was a precarious people were injured on board

United Nations has a liner again rent out a boat to that the liner had broken clear reasonable claim to control make the second attempt to get apart, the staff of the United stead of trying to cross directly. Some experts believed the Nations so as to ensure the boat's crew allowed the cur-

the institutions of the host on shere immediately bied the country. Mr Lie's three cable to an army tank to secure

Experts ashore said they have American interest and the no other means of rescuing the interests of the United nwaiting the promised British naval plane to arrive from

## TENSION HIGH

Tension was almost at breakmunists were dismissed ing point abourd the Champolthe United Nations lion, and one report said arms while Polish or Bulgarian had been issued to ship's officers. for Jerusalem. Communists remain? And Only one fatal casualty has so if America is allowed to far been reported from the ship insist on excluding Com- one man or woman jumped

the position of hosts, begin afternoon quietened the sea a submerged rocks and were reto demand the exclusion of little, but experts said the ported unable to get a ross the particular black situation was "very grave."

General Shehab; Lobanese The best hope of avoiding Army Commander-in-Chief, is trouble is for the United directing the rescue personally. to recruit only An officer who came ashore with pollion just before midnight, officials who are the first boat, 2nd Lieutenant GMT, tonight, according to a to take seriously Sellier, told him that bad London Admiralty announce-

waves took control of the ship,

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through broken glass. From the thore it appeared break may help to stabilize the two haives, because the ship was reconstructed in 1936 into separate watertight compartments. With darkness and rain, no other boat dared to try to reach

the shore from the Champollion, and late tonight further operations were expected to be postponed until tomorrow, The Lebanese Army hopes

to bring the crew and passengers of the liner to safety across the cable to the shoreif it holds.

The liner is carrying a crew of about 400 and 42 passengers bound for Beirut and 66 bound

After grounding she lowered five laden -- lifeboats, -- One-cap-sized and the five people in it swam to the shore and were rescued. The other boats were 650 feet of water.

ORUISER ON WAY The British cruiser Kenya is expected to reach the Cham-

Earlier Israeli naval vessels Cirrents offshore and the high picked up the Champollion's distress signals and sailed out from Haife, entering Lebanese territorial waters, a Jerusalem

report sald. Israel was said to have informed the Lebanon, through the Mixed Annistice Commission, that in accordance with international usage her rescue vessels would disregard sovereignty.

The 2,737-ton French steamer. Syrie was also reported to have arrived off Belrut and to be

standing by to help.
During the day President Camille Chamoun of the Lebanon and members of his Government went to the shore near here to supervise the rescue efforts.--

NO RT CONTACT

Paris, Dec. 22. The French Postal Ministry said tonight that the Champoilion, could not be reached by radio-telephone drem France. Messages were piling up from the owners to the captain but there was new no hope of send- case-"in hygenic conditions," the fight against the anti-white evacuated from one flood-

ing them. A. Ministry spokesman said it . Lotti and Gitta can already batteries for mediumwave transmission to nearby radio stations. parents said that they were quite have more independent today also A Greek tug, which had set happy despite their mobility to proposed a Bill to apply a enission to nearby radio stations. out to help the Champellion, had move around. been unable to reach her by the spokeman said

Factory Explosion Now Jersey, Dec. 22. About 20 people were injured

today when a terrific explosion shook the Union Carbide and Carbon Company's bakelite back the other has to be placed, Kenya, have ordered all their workers are employed. No deaths of the two heads make it im- over Christmas because Mau had so far been reported as a possible for both to be laid on Mon terrorists are likely to; be



# Siamese Twins Problem

# Doctors Considering Operation

Homberg, Germany, Dec. 23.

Lotti and Gitta Knack, 18 months'-old-girl-Siamese twins, lay happily in their white enamelled cot here today while German medical experts debated whether to attempt an operation to separate them.

The twins, daughters of Homberg postman Kurt Knack, were taken last week to the University clinic at Bonn where they were examined by Professor Dr Peter Roeettgen, one of Germany's leading brain

Like the Brodle twins in the United States the two little girls are linked at the head. "We want an operation but only if we have every assurance humanly possible that it will succeed," Knack told the United "We certainly do not want Lotti, the weaker one, to Lebanese be sacrificed to save her sister

Mrs Knack confirmed that she and her husband have applied for a travelling showman's permit to enable them to show the twins publicly if an operation is Bowyer, last October.

"We have made application," she said, "but have not yet. reonly at reputable fairs." IN GLASS CASE

Mrs Knack said that she and she said.

say "Pappi" and "Mammi" to their parents and their little Col. Rimbault will be on the German nursery thymes are staff of Kenya's Governor, Sir. somewhat off key. Their Evelyn Baring.

The two heads are completely period of two years. fused together at the side and . This tax will help to pay for face in the same direction. At the anti-Man Man campaign. casual glance it is impossible. Members of the Kikuyu tribe to distinguish the dividing line -chief cources of Mau Mau between the two skulls. Medical experts have not ernment fight Mau Mau terror divulged whether the brains are ism will be exempt from the

partly across it. The merging forces to remain at their posts of the explosion. their back at the same time. "particularly, dangerous."--Reu- scow and cause further snow United Press.

Five men carry Russell Ford, 30-year-old, two hundred pound escaped convict back into Somerville, N.J. gaol following his capture. Eight policemen were required to subdue Ford who had escaped twenty-four hours earlier.—London Express.

# **FOUR**

Mau Mau Strikes

Nairobi, Dec. 22. Africans armed with spears, knives and a rifle strangled and beheaded four members of a Kikuyu family in their hut in the Nyeri district, north Nairobi, last night, police reported tonight.

They also murdered a fifth person in the same district. The body of a Roman Catholic Mission schooltencher, Joseph Morice, was found today near his home at Kasagina, in the Nyeri district. He was believed to have been killed on his, way home last

Eleven Kikuyu tribesmen were sentenced to death by hanging today for the murder of a European farmer, Mr Erle

Mr Bowyer was found hack- French Alps, They blocked the ed to pieces in his bath on his lonely Kinangop farm. Two for almost half a mile, damned ceived an answer. But we don't of his African servants, were the river and cut selephone lines intend to show them at small also found murdered. A twelfth and high tension cables. town fairs or in peep show but Kikuyu, who had also been on | Snow lay 23 to 26 feet deep trial in connection with the in parts of the vallsy. More murder, was acquitted. The government of Kenya ther south.

her husband hoped to get to- appointed . Colonel Geoffrey gether enough money to buy a Rimbault, now Chief of Staff trailer in which the children for East Africa, to "co-ordinate; and Lower Loire Valleys." would be exhibited in a glass the forces of law and order" in secret society, the Mau Mau.

SPECIAL TAX

by special tax of \$1 a year for a strength—who helped the gov-

When one child lies on its Police and military chiefs in

ports said they were all more or less injured. The bus, the regular Post Office bus between Langen and Lechon, was said to have been swept into the stream by the air pressure caused by the avalanche, and then buried by the snow. The bus was caught just when | The snow carried away it was entering the bridge. Had power lines and isolated some it been only a few metres to mountain communities. Avacither side, it would probably lanches dogs found the body of have escaped. Vorariberg Pro- a skier entombed by snow near

Innsbruck, · Austrin: Storms

SEARCH GIVEN UP

Garmisch - Partenkirchen.

Austrian and German moun-

Floods were also reported in

Northern Bayarin, where the

about 30 villages in the Mosel

River valley because of floods.

The township of Zell was com-

Brussels: Widespread flooding

was reported in Belgium and

Luxembourg after heavy snow

PRISON BREAK

Seven inmates of the Walla

Walla State Benitentiary escaped

yards long. The tunnel began

cinder heap and ended outside

prison walls. - France-

Washington, Dec. 22.

pletely cut off.

and rain.—Reuter.

vincial government officials said Stans, south of Lucerne. here tonight. It fell six metres from the of hurricane strength swept the bridge into the frozen Patuerro- Austrian Alps, already rumbling bel stream, but most of the bodies with avalanches, piling up fresh showed symptons typical of masses of snow.

this afternoon.

death caused by air pressure. Most of the victims have not yet been fully identified. To- the weather to give up the night they were laid out in the search for an Austrian student little church of Langen on the believed to have been buried by

the snows on the Seefeld Loch Mountain in the Alps They were all young people, some of them children, on their the German-Austrian border: way: to winter sports centres in the Arlherg.

The bus was the last vehicle to be allowed to use the road between Langen and Stuben. It Zugspitze on Saturday. was to have been closed im-mediately attanyards, because of the great danger avalanches, the police said.

RESCUE WORK The driver of the bus, who was only slightly injured, brought first news disaster to Langen, at western entrance to the ninekilometre-long Arlberg tunnel. the town of Kitzingen. It is only a few kilometres from

Stuben. Police and nearly the entire evacuated from their homes in Ministers to accompany mp to population of (population about 700) helped in rescue work. They took four seriously injured and some slightly injured travellers to the hospital at Bludenz.

Telephone communications to Langen were partly cut by the avalanche. The Provincial authorities

tonight imposed a total news blackout on the disaster, pending an official statement.

The Provincial government officials at once went to Langen to make an investigation. Austrian Chancellor Leopold Figl has sent a telegram condolence to the Vorariberg Provincial Governor, Ulbricht Ilg, asking him convey his condolence in the name of the Austrian government to the families of the vic-

tims and do his utmost for the survivors.—Reuter. SNOW AND FLOODS

London, Dec. 22. Reports of snow or floods-some countries had both—came from six countries... France, Switzerland, Belgium Luxembourg, Austria and Ger-

Reuter cables gave the following picture: Paris: Avalanches isolated the Val Discre, winter resort in the

main road up the Iscre Valley avalanches blocked roads far-

Floods disorganised life in the Old and sick people were threatened town, while troops and volunteers in other places battled to hold the

Dogs were called out in the Austrian Alps to hunt people swallowed up by the white death" as the tumbling mows

Search parties said conditions in 'some , places were, "almost beyond human chourance" as flerce gales plied up the snow many feet thick.

Fireinen on "rafts," were

evacuating people marconed in the villages around Bordeaux. More than 1,000 people have been driven from their homes. ... Geneva: Ayalanches in the Value district of South Switzerland have blocked routs, and warmer weather may thaw this

# Killed



M. PINAY

# RESIGNS

Paris, Dec. 22. Antoine Pinay. France's "save-the-franc" Rescue teams were forced by Premier, 1ed his Ministers to the Elysee Palace tonight to hand in their resignations to President-Auriol.

This dramatic move by the head of the French Government came after Popular Republican itaineers today gave up hope of deputies had voted to abstain in finding alive five men buried by the confidence ballot on the a glant avalanche on Mount Budget—thus making his position

A fresh, blacket of snow The Popular Republicans have covered the Zugspitze, Ger- 88 deputies, including Foreign many's highest peak, making Minister Robert Schuman, and walking and climbing almost dorn part of the Government

- M. Pinay told deputies: " swollen River Main cut, the have taken note of the defection highway from Frankfurt to of part of the Government

and swamped part of majority (the Popular Republicans). "Without waiting for the Hundreds of people were result of the vote I invite my

the President" He and his Ministers then left the Chamber for the Elysee to tender their resignations to the

Earlier ex-Premier and Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, a feading member of the MRP, who voted to support the Government in the group meeting, told reporters afterwards "The position

looks very bad for Pinay."

was not present.—Router,

M. Pinay's Government faced three confidence votes—the first on the controversial clause about today through a tunnel over 60 | the transfer of contributions. The French National Assembly, in the prison courtyard near the | meeting again at 8.30 p.m. GMT, decided on a further 30-minute adjournment because M. Pinny

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# Situation In Iraq Improving

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Baghdad, Dec. 22. General Abdul Amin Mutalib, Governor of Baghdad district, today released 20 people detained during the November disorders, which began over dissatisfaction with the programme for elections due next

About 18 people were released at the end of November, and 10 politicians, in-classing former Ministers, were freed a week ago.

Further releases are expected within the next 24 hours. An announcement on the opening date for the elections is expected this week.

General Nuruddin' Mohmoud, Iraqi Prime Minister, announced on November 24, immediately after the rioting, that the Government would shortly end martial law and would hold

elections. These would be based on a new electoral law and would be by direct suffrage. Under the present system,

odalified voters secondary electors-who in turn chose Parliamentary deputies. On November 24, General Abdul Mulalib ordered the dissolution of Iraq's five political parties and suspension of all civil laws during a period of

mortial law. Assemblies of more than five people were forbidden and a 12-hour curiew, from six in the evening to six in the morning, was imposed.

This has been twice reduced until it covers only the hours from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Ten were killed and 100 injured in the incidents, according to unconfirmed reports at the

time.—Reuter.

# Joviet

London, Dec. 22. Mark Raizen, noted Russian asso of Moscow's Bolshoi Theatre, became ill today with a throat infection and was unable to return to his homeland with a troupe of Soviet musicians, 🔪

The artist, whose few appearances in Britain evoked critical notices that included favourable comparison with the late Feodor Chaliapin, was freated by a British doctor for possible pneumonia. Later a Russian doctor was called. The Soviet group cuded tour with a concert, yesterday at the Royal Festival Hall.— Associated Press.

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# Steady Increase In Crime All Over World

Geneva, Dec. 23.

A United Nations expert said that crime has increased steadily throughout the world since the war and that 50 to 55 per cent of all criminals in Britain and France are "repeaters".

M. Paul Amor (France), representing the United Nations Department of Social Affairs at the United Nations first 16-nation conference on crime prevention and the treatment of offenders, which met here in mid-December, said that the reasons for the increase were still a mystery, but he thought that it might be due to prosperity.

# **OFFICIALS** VISITING

Khartoum, Dec. 22. senior Egyptians—a Minister and an army officer-today met the Sudan's two rival religious leaders before visiting the primitive Southern Sudan

on an inspection tour. The two Egyptians are Sheik Britain had suggested.

Ahmed Hassan El Bakury, "Whipping is not Ahmed Hassan El Bukury, Minister of Waqfs (religious foundations) and Major Salah Salim, an officer who has taken part in the Anglo-Egyptian talks on the Sudan's status in Cairo.

They arrived here last night and today met Saved Sir Abdel and 1954 and 195

Rahman El Mahdi, leader of rival Khatmir religious group. fare.

lraving for the Southern. Sudan! he is also to see individual leaders of other Sudanese parties and tell them about the Cairo talks.

The position of the Southern Sudan, is a key issue in the Cairo talks. Because of its pagan primitiveness Britain has agreed to the Sudem Governorgovernment to the Sudan.

government will precede selfdetermination.

Also visiting the south on Saturday will be representatives of the main political parties in the north.—Reuter.

# Major Killed In Accident

Stoke-on-Trent, Dec. 22. News was received in Stokeon-Trent today of the death by accident on Saturday at Fayld. Canal zone, of Major Ronald Geoffrey Copeland, of the 11th Hussars, son of Mr Ronald Copeland, Managing Director of W. T. Copeland and Sons, Limited, makers of spode china. Details of the accident are not yet known.

Major Copeland was paying a visit to Egypt and was hoping to rejoin his wife and three sons in Cyprus for Christmas.-

## BAN MAY BE LIFTED

Tokyo, Dec. 22. Information reaching trade sources here intimates that the

Singapore Government may lift the ban on the import of beyeld parts.

The information has caused enthusiasm among manufacturers who expect export to Indonesia via Singapore in large quantities.—France-Prosso.

Indian Senate (Upper Silvatian Apparently the Soviets are now engaged in securing after concluding a sixtle ovening after concluding a sixtle ovening after concluding a sixtle ovening with certain difficulties as the recent trials (the Indonesia via Singapore in large again on February 11 to discuss purge trials of 14 leading Company the following again on February 11 to discuss purge trials of 14 leading Company that the following again on February 11 to discuss purge trials of 14 leading Company that the following again on February 11 to discuss purge trials of 14 leading Company that the following again on February 11 to discuss the feel of the following again on February 11 to discuss the feel of the feel o quantities.-France-Prosso.

"People who were able to carn money very quickly, especially workers - who cermay have become used to a better type of life, and have refused to live less well," ha The habit of earning a live-

lihood easily may be part of the reason, he said. "Some people were inspired by 1955 by those who rose rapidly British without working," he added. Three years from now United Nations will hold a world congress in New York to

recommend universal methods for dealing with crims prevention and offenders, he said. OPPOSES "CAT" M. Amor personally disagreed with the practice of whipping

offenders, as some people in

the Ansar religious sect and essentiatly a social rather than a is being discussed. patron of the provindependence juridical problem which is why UMMA Party, and Sayed Sir the United Nations placed-it in

Bassingbourn, Dec. 22.
Recording a verdict o General having special responsi- accidental death today at a strengthening. bilities cafeguarding its 3,000,000 Bassingbourn - R.A.F. , station people in the proposed new inquest on three pilot officers that figure is likely to be reconstitution to give internal self- who were killed when the Can- duced somewhat because of the berra jet bomber in which they. Allied determination to con-Egypt has said she wants were flying crashed on Friday centrate more on getting quality these special responsibilities at Steeple Morden near Roys- instead of quantity for their abolished. The 6,000,000 people ton, Lancashire, the Coroner said money. in the Nerthern Sudan are evidence indicated there was The Allies decided in Lisbon Moslem and much more adpossibly some fault in the cn-last February they should set vanced and it will be northern-gines of the aircraft which must out to have 9,000 operational

"But there is no evidence such as would indicate criminal negligence."

The dead were Pilot Officers Henry Lloyd Westwood, 20, Thomas William Tench, 23, and Terence Joseph MacMillan, who would have been 20 on Christmas Eve. The Deputy Officer-in-Charge

of Canberra frights told the Coronor that the plane hold been checked during the morning.
Flames coming from the ongines indicated there might have something mechanically wrang.—Reuter.

## Pakistan's New Constitution— Karachi, Dec. 22.

Premier Khwaja Nazimuddin copyrighted interview with the told the Constituent Assembly United States News and World today that the Pakistan con-Report, an independent weekly stitution will make it a State news magazine. which the rights and interests of non-Muslims will be there was a danger that the fully guaranteed.

giving the Assembly a report take an action against Geron basic principles embodied in the draft of the Committee licipation.

which is framing the constitution His quoted reply was: "I do tion.-United Press.

# More Controls Jettisoned:

London, Dec. 22. Manufacture and sale of all meat products except uncooked beef and pork tausage mest and conned from control in Britain on January 1.

day by the Minister of Food, Major Lloyd George. Most ment products are now plentiful. Many of them are selling at less than maximum price. Controls on sausages and sausage ment will be reviewed soon .- Reuter.

# America To Buy British Warplanes

Paris. Dec. 22. American plan to spend nearly \$500,000,000 for first-quality British and European jet fighters was reported today by informed officials.

About half the amount—running to \$225,000,000—has already been approved by the United States Congress under the \$1,000,000,000 American. offshore buying programme set for the 12 months ending next June. The balance is expected under the United States 1959-

M. Amor said that crime was at the moment is uncertain and

Although final status have yet Ali El Mirghan, leader of the the Department of Social Wel- to be norced in Washington the expectation is that most of the Both men have immense followings among the Sudanese.

He said that the rate of crime plants ordered will be Britishings among the Sudanese.

Major Salim, told El Mahdi high, as is the rate of "repeaters", but he did not off-hand remember to the Gloster Javelin all-ber how high—United Press. be established the planes may not be ordered in quantity.

The United Sintes intended probably to buy a total of 1,700 war-planes from European countries by 1955 for distribution among the members of the 14-nation Atlantic Alliance whose air defences need

But, the informants reported,

ers who will make up the have caused them to burst interact in Europe by 1955—a majority of the Sudan's pro-flames.

posed new parliament. Self"But there is no evidence such need to revise in view of their need to revise in view of their general decision to slow down the pace of their arms drive.—.
Associated Press.

# THREAT **GERMANY**

Washington, Dec. 22. Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of the German Republic was quoted as saying that the greatest military threat to Western Germany came from Czechoslovakia rather than from the Communist East German or Polish armies.

The Chancellor was asked if German Soviet zone army and He made the declaration in the Polish army might under-

His quoted reply was: "I do not fear it so much from the Soviet zone. The great threat I Indian Senate Recess see is coming from Crechothe budget \_Erance-Presse. | munists) have shown."-Reuter.

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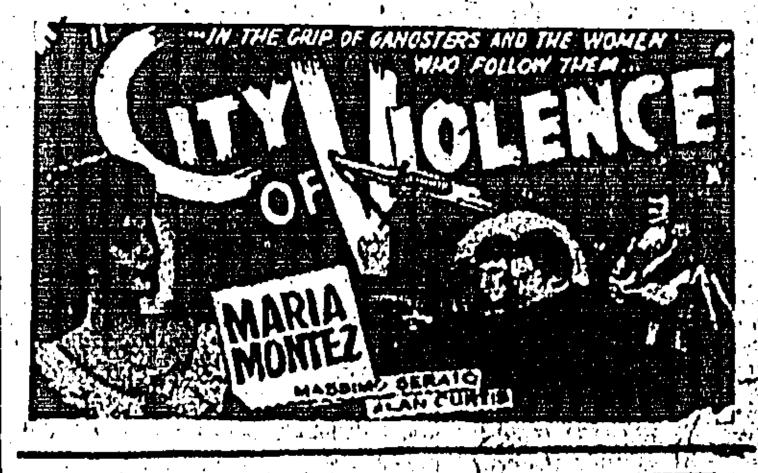
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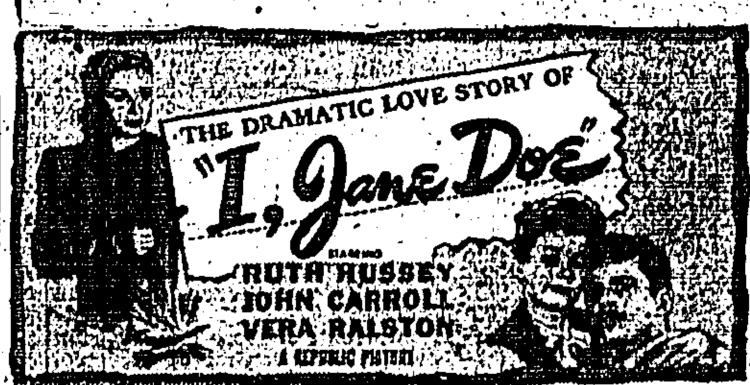




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# Agreement Reached Over Defence Pact

# Naguib To Trial Of Farouk

Calro, Dec. 22. Ex-King Farouk of Egypt is to be tried in his absence for "abuse of constitutional pre-rogatives" and "corruption of political life in Egypt." He will also be liable to lose

his Egyptian nationality under an anti-corruption law passed by General Mohammed Nagulb's

Farouk, ousted from his throne last July, was described in Government circles tonight as being at the "root of evil" in

He was alleged to have "encouraged widespread corruption, nepotlsm and misuse of power influence" and to have stood in the way of reforms; to further his personal ambitions. He was also accused of smuggling fortunes out of Egypt with the aid of several members of his "Royal clique" and the connivance of come Cabinet Minis-

The new law, punishing political graft, passed last night applies to former Ministers and Members of Parliament and is retroactive to September 1939. Penalties include loss of civil Iran. rights, a ban on holding public office or posts with commercial companies for a limited period, a refund to the State of money Ricitly obtained and loss of Egyptian nationality.—Reuter.

# French Tonkin

Paris, Dec. 22. French battalions else. have returned to the fortified northwest Indo-China nirfield the Arab States were beginning of Nasam after an offensive re- to realise the necessity of such connaissance as far as Banlot, to an arrangement which would be the southeast. Agence France based exclusively on defence

Hanol. It was the second sortic from the fortified outpost in two days. pating States, would safeguard it Vandong post in the Red River participation of each country on delta, which was taken by the the basis of full equality. Vietminh two days ago, have succeeded in reaching the

French lines. French and local forces today occupied the recently evacuated Phong Tho post, north of Lal Chau, capital of the mountainous That country in northwest Indo-China, the agency added.-Reuter.

to read gas meters in Russian-occupied buildings in Vienna are food parcels to nearly 150 blindfolded and watched by an elderly and needy people armed guard before being London's East End.

services.—Reuter.

# Balkans

Paris, Dec. 22. The Turkish Foreign Minister, Fuad Koprulu, disclosed today that agreement on common defence had been reached in principle between Turkey, Greece and Yugoslavia.

In an interview the Minister said that the details of the plan will be worked out in conformity with Turkey's and Greece's commitments in the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance.

approach to a solution of this

problem, Mr Koprulu replied

with those States not situated in

that area but which on account

participate fruitfully in the de-

HAPPY EVENT

A more reasonable and prac-

To the question whether he

made in recent discussions with

there existed actually between

them an agreement in principle

with regard to maintaining their

This was a happy event not

fence of the area.

conceived, he added.

common defence.

Mr. Koprulu also urged com- | dle East defence command as bined defence planning for the the most practical and promising Middle East.

The Foreign Minister recently that the project in question discussed Balkan and Middle envisaged full co-operation East defence prospects with the under conditions of equality of British Foreign Secretary, Mr the Middle Eastern countries Anthony Eden, in London. He described the projected United States, British French of their financial and military and Turkish Middle East Command as a practical defence capteliles were in a position to

programme, Turkey was ready to participate in NATO to the utmost of her capacity but United Situtes ald voute have to be tical proposition could not be substantially increased to enable her to carry out her functions within the Western defence was satisfied with the progress

The Minister warned that the Greece and Yugoslavia for joint Cominform was trying to take moves on defence arrangements advantage of the current dan- in South-Eastern Europe, Mr culties in Turkey's neighbour, Koprulu said he could say that

#### ARAB STATES

"The duty falls upon us with regard to Iran to show a spirit only for the three countries of understanding lowards that concerned but also for the country in such a way as to security of all free and peaceprevent the creation of situa- loving countries. tions which might play into the hands of the Cominform." themselves rather than anybody count.-United Press.

There were already signs that Presse reported today from aims and which, far from endangering the independence and sovereignty of the particl-Some 70 men garrisoning the and would involve the Asked if he still considered the projected four-Power Mid-

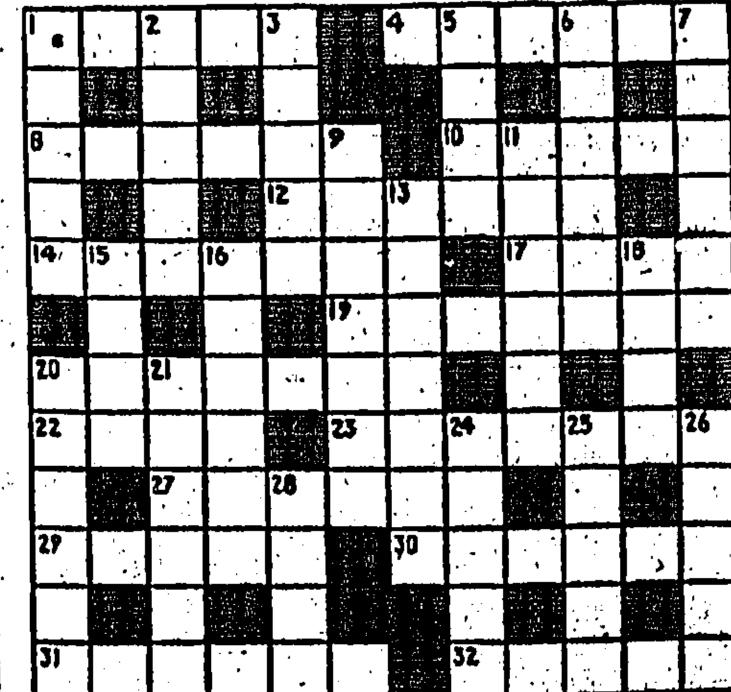
# Food Parcels For Needy

London, Dec. 22. The 'Agent-General for Tas-Corporation inspectors calling mania, Major Von Bibra, and

anned guard before being allowed inside, an Austrian City Councillor said today.

The Councillor said the Russians paid neither gas nor electricity bills and owed the city more than £280,000 for these sorvices.—Rester cost.—Reuter.

# A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS 1 Noblemen (5). Rasped (8). 8 Deprived of constition (6). 10 Colour (5). 12 Ransom (6).

14 Extreme (7). 17 Kernel (4): 10 Ruler (7). .20 Discourso (7). 122 Consumer (4)... 28 Seris (7). 27 Be contrite (6). 29 Show submission (5). 30 Schous (6). 31 Take out (0)...

82 Give permanent income

1 Boredom (5). Send (5): · 3 Sever• (5). 5 Anger (4). 0 Quiver (0). 15 Votes against (4). 16 Freedom of access (6) 18 Register (4). Grain (0).

WESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD Across 3 Phonount, 8 Chum, 9 Destined, 11 Despisee, 13 Flay, 16 Proposes, 18 Tortured, 18 True, 21 Disperse, 25 Substites, 26 Band, 27 Settlers. Down: 1 Acid, 2 Rues, 4 Huos, 5 Acts, 6 Annul, 7 Today 6 Divot, 10 Sever, 12 Error, 14 Avers, 16 Solid, 17 Stope, 16 Tasks, 20 Ambit, 21 Diol, 22 Sect., 28 Routi, 24 Eddy.

# Greece And Turkey

London, Dec. 22. Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, will visit Greece and Turkey next year at the invitation of the Greek and Turkish Governments, a Foreign Office spokesman confirmed

The actual dates of the visits were not yet fixed but it was believed they would take place in the

Marshal Tito, Kugoslav Prime Minister, will visit Britain from March 23 to 25, and it was expected that Mr Eden's visit to Greece and Turkey would follow shortly sfierwards. -Reuter,

# Beefeaters

London, Dec. 22. The Beefeaters in the Tower of London broke into the Civil-Service today.

Works, they become civil ser-

attain great age, and are greenint with the United inclined to stick to their jobs. States. It was finally decided that day . A fundamental point of Briof them now less than 65 years tish policy is to secure effective old should get a pension if they compensation for the Angloever thought of retiring.

He added that clear-cut plans had not yet been made. In pre-Mr Koprulu said that it was paration of these plans, when ful character" who is still show of Persian oil in world markets. essential to plan defence ever they will be embarked ing off the dungeons to thurists. arrangements for the Middle upon, the position and commit- will not qualify for a pension in London from Paris last Friday, East and this was in the interest | ments of Turkey and Greece in the unlikely event that he should is leaving for the country on of Middle Eastern countries NATO would be taken into ac- tire of his work. He is 84.— Wednesday with his wife for a Associated Press.

# Gurion Government

Jerusalem, Dec. 22. The Prime Minister, David Ben Gurion, announced today the composition of a new Israeli Government based on a coalition of three parties— Mapai, General Zionists and the Progressive Party.

Ben-Zvi on Friday.

Zionist Party, came to terms on grant privileges to investors in Thursday on a programme fore-casting a more liberal economic It promised there would be no policy. It aims at stabilising discrimination on private or co-prices and currency. operative economic activity prices and currency.

nounced that for the first time Hebrew would be the official language of modern Israel, though the Arab minority would be able to use their own

In announcing the new Government's policy he stressed the paragraphs on the equality of all citizens and their freedom of speech and association.
The 20-point Government programme includes the strengthening of the defence forces, friendship with all countries and fostering the right of all Jews everywhere to immigrate to

STILL BROADER! The Premier deplored the existence of no fewer than 16 factions in the Knesset (National Assembly) eight of which numbered only one or two members.

Hinting that a still broader coalition government possible, which might include the religious party, he said the Ministries of Posts, Religious Affairs and Social Welfare and not yet been assigned.

Premier Gurion made the He read an cutline of the announcement in Parliament. Government's policy in which He had tendered the resigna- prominence was given to the tion of his previous coalition safeguarding of religious freegovernment to President Yltzhak dom. The outline added that Wie Government would encour-The new coalition allies, the arge cay healthy economic enter-Israeli-Labour-Party-(Mapai) prise, would try to attract pri-and the free enterprise General vate foreign capital to Israel and

Premier Ben Gurion an- only essential goods would remain

and political parties would be abolished as from 1954 and religious education would be provided for children whose parents wish it, the statement added.—Reuter.

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# OIL APPROACH TO IRAN

London, Dec. 22. Mr Loy Honderson. United States Ambassador, is to make an oil approach to Persia which Mr Eden discussed last week with the United States Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson. Mr Henderson is due back in Teheran

tomorrow. Mr Henderson was called to Washington for consultations. He is now on his way back to

Persia by air. The substance of the proposal for reopening oil : negotiations with Persia is a plan for asso-clating the major oil companies with the transport and/marketing of Persian oil. Mr Eden reported to the

Cabinet today the terms of the Anglo-American approach to Persia on the oll deadlock.
Following the Paris talks, it has been definitely decided that Britain, which is not in diplomatic relations with Persia. should not be associated with

the first stage of Mr Henderson's approach. NOT AGREED

It is known that Anglo-American agreement has not keen reached on the attitude to For some time they have been be adopted by the two powers. Trade Unionists. Now, by in all stages of the discussions agreement with the Ministry of with Persia which might follow. The main topic which Mr vants entitled to old-age pen- Eden discussed with the Cabinet today was believed to be the later singes of the proposed ex-The pensions issue raised quite changes with Persia on which problem because Beefeaters Britain has not so for reached

Iranian Oil Company, whose concession in Persia has been A Ministry statement said it curtniled by nationalisation, bewas regretted that "one wonder- fore agreeing to permit the sale Mr Eden, who returned to few days Christmas holiday.—

> Tokyo, Dec. 22. The Welfare Ministry today announced that dysentery cases in Japan are expected to climb to nearly 110,000 cases this

> The Ministry added that the prevalence of the disease is partly due to bacillus becoming immune to new medicines which are not administered correctly. —Reuter. 💙 🖜

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> Watch for me by moonlight,

I'll come to thee by moonlight,

Though hell should

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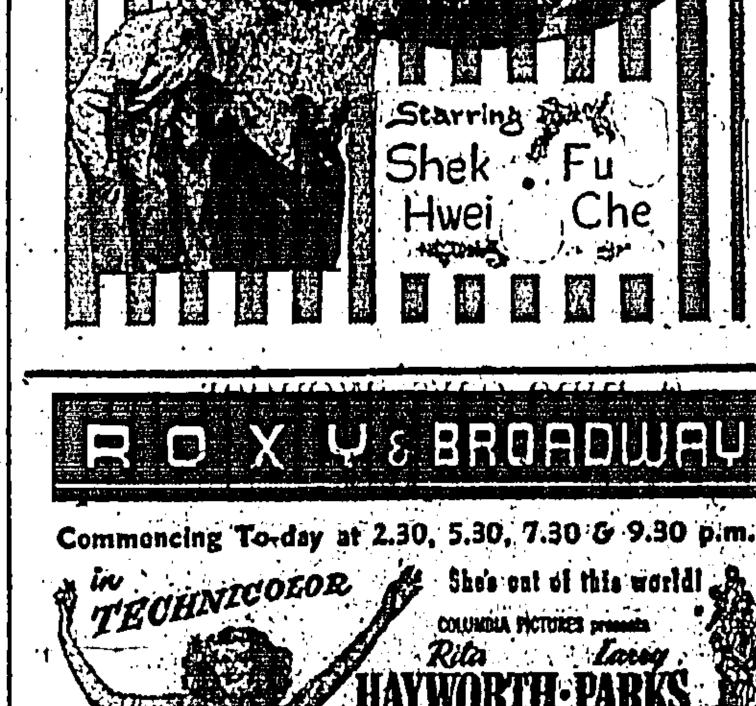


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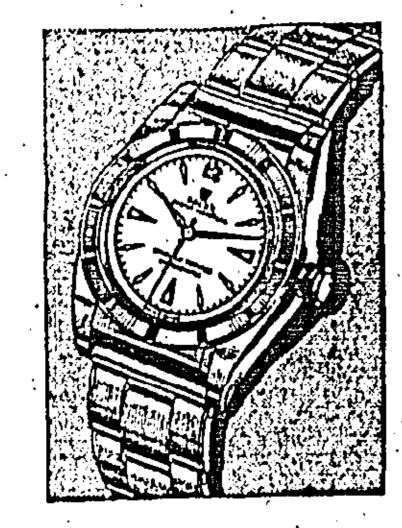
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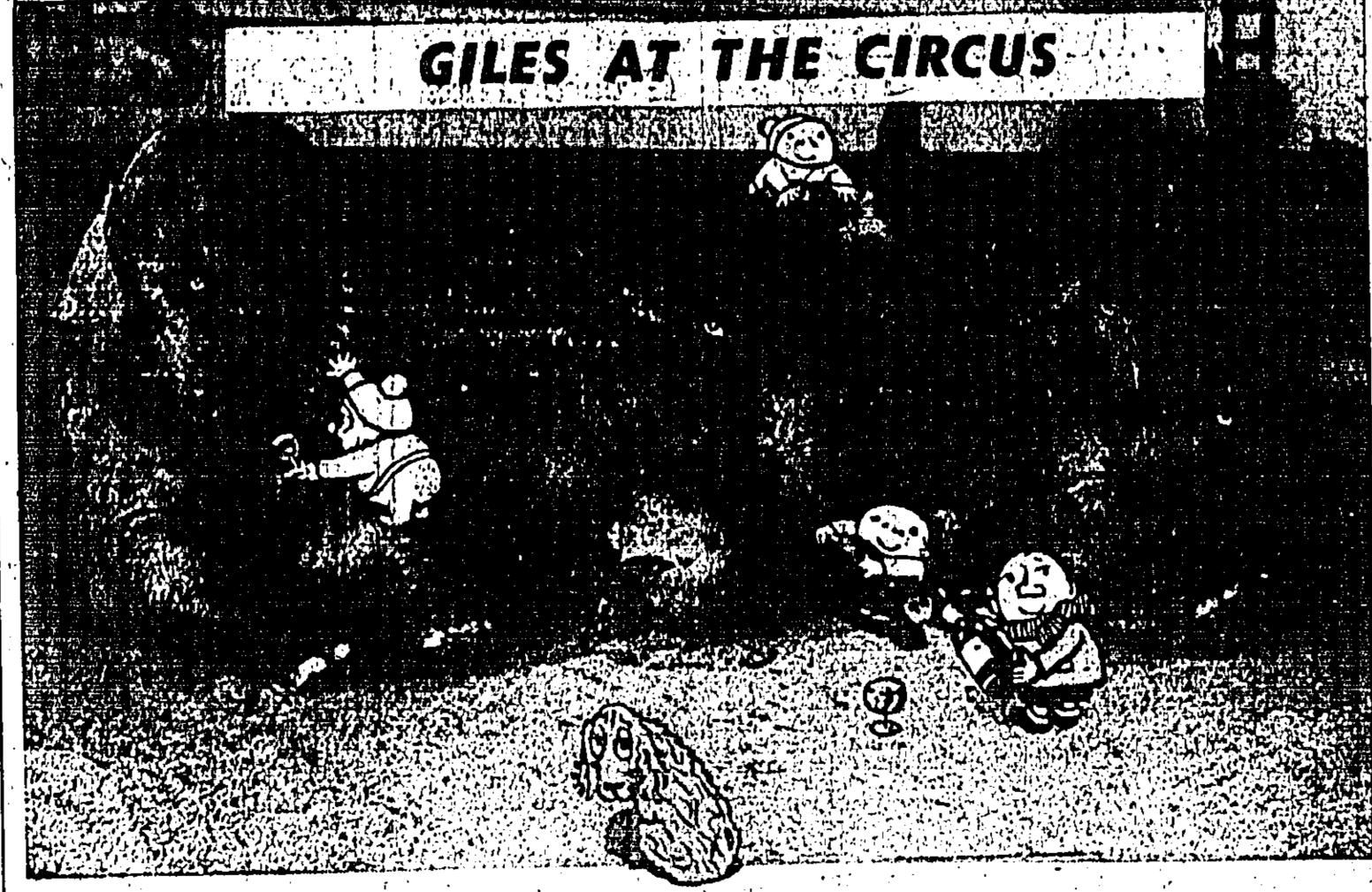
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# The Old Adam And The 'Mew Soviet Man'

66 N literature and on the stage we must show the Soviet man — the builder able" woman. One day

light that the audience and to go to a spa." moral and spiritual superi- "just weit until my salary...." our people which makes our a spa?"

According to Soviet publicists, in this new Soviet type of man all the "old Adam" has been extinguished and all the best qualities brought to the pitch of perfection. Those Union is confined to the claims D course, it is not simple, beaccept this boast without ques- holidays are only for workers haven't you?" welfare of society as a whole. ly. There, apart from a few backsliders or "hostile elements," all have cleansed themselves of Department No. 6, hears of short, of all those evil qualities that allegedly characterise the non-Soviet type of man,

## BUT, ALAS!,...

TT is an alluring picture. Would pinova. Kropinov can be very loss. I that it were true! But, curt and quick-tempered when alas, the Soviet press itself :- rhe likes, and he properly which is not intended for Inghtens the Party "activists", are ever at a loss. And their perusal peyona the from Curtain—has another tale to tell. The only, way to carry out Combine's pigs! Very undertain—has another tale to tell. The only, way to carry out Combine's pigs! Very undertain—has another tale to tell. The only, way to carry out Combine's pigs! Very undertain—has another tale to tell. The only, way to carry out Combine's pigs! Very undertain—has another tale to tell. The only, way to carry out Combine's pigs! Very undertain—has another tale to tell. The only, way to carry out Combine's pigs! Very undertain—has another tale to tell. The only, way to carry out Combine's pigs! Very undertain—has another tale to tell. The only, way to carry out Combine's pigs! Very undertain—has another tale to tell. The only, way to carry out Combine's pigs! Very undertain—has another tale to tell. The only way to carry out Combine's pigs! Very undertain—has another tale to tell. The only way to carry out Combine's pigs! it will give us a closer under- what Perepelltsa has done. Even before the Director's wife standing of Soviet reality.

hazels or filberts you

ed nicotinic acid.

eat at Christmas may help

# By HUGO

representatives superior to Yes, it is true, the husband all others in the world tri- reflects: what sort of a head (Soviet Literary am I if I can't manage a little November 23 thing like that? I'm in charge November 23, of the trade union funds, and she really does need a rest. Let's send her to a spa for

# CONVERSION

whose knowledge of the Soviet CO the matter is arranged. Of tion. They fondly believe that, with outstanding production rein the short space of 35 years, cords. So the deputy chairhuman nature, in the Soviet man's wife has somehow to be Union, has been transformed, converted into a factory worker-There the over-riding concern -on paper, of course. After

But when Kropinov, head of "Two Pals",

Chapman Pincher advises:

the circulation is improved.

will not help to prevent come vitaming our man and the plant breeders. Inins. By contracting the blood University research station in plant breeders.

She found that ripe almonds

Cold makes them contract,

A NY almonds, walnuts, blood vessels in the skin so that

to protect you against and in some people they remain

chilblains in the New Year, tightly contracted for a long

Nicotinic acid is closely re- Miss James lies made the first

inted to nicotine, but smoking full-scale handysis of the

will not help to prevent chilb- vitaming in nuts at his Bristol

she workshop committee to make of the future - in such a says to her husband: "I want it appear that the application for a free holiday has been at six months. The Director's the whole world will see the "Well, my dear!" he replies, discussed and agreed to, "since wife simply adores them. the is one of the best Stakha- Whenever she sees one she says novite workers".

> then this kind of activity has that's Golyakov's worry - he clearly not been checked. The knows how to work these on. humerous journal Krokodil things, has published numerous cartoons on the subject and the following appeared in Septem-

Father, mother and small son OH, yes, he knows quite a let, are seen scated at a table Othis Golynkov—ull about

of each individual is for the that, everything goes smooth— ROKODIL of October 19, The amount of space devoted So down Wicksteed went to welfare of society as a whole. ly.

deputy chairman of the social worker, whose books are always real Soviet world. insurance committee of the in order, who can put his hand! workers' douncil and orders him on any document at a moment's ! to make arrangements of for a notice, who pays wages on time, free holiday for Madame Kro- and-in short-is never at a

In fact, neither of these two

With the connivance of the is aware that meat is getting personnel manager, a certificate low in the larder a pig falls The deputy chairman of the is prepared showing that ill, and, of course, has to be Azovstalstrol Trust is a quiet Madame Kropinova is not a slaughtered. Everything is done docile man, but his wife, book- housewife at oil but a motor according to the regulations: keeper in the finance depart- mechanic. Then they sit down the meat is to be sold at so ment, is a "worldly, fashion- and doctor the minutes, of a much per kilo (a third of the

destroyed when the nuts are

THE PAPPLE-PIE

market price) to whoever may

of motor mechanic Kropinova piglets — which are delicious to her husband: "Let's have steed got his hands on a ority of people who have "Welt!" she interrupts indig-novite workers".

been reared in a Socialist nantly. "What! You, the head This illuminating little tale Director pays a nominal sum that would not stand a desociety....It is the moral of a department, and you can't is no phenomenon, as any and, to keep, the stock figures tailed investigation — the and ideological superiority of arrange for your wife to go to student of the Soviet press right, replaces the purioined tailed investigation — the must know. It is taken from piglet with another bought on Royal Army Medical Corps the trade union paper Trud, of the market. True, there is a had begun to suspect that September 6, 1951. And since difference in the price, but something odd was going

## COVER UP

groaning with good things — food "missing" from the stores down to the newest recruits melons, and so on. The boy extent of a loss of 10,000 rousers lining up for methylated Union is confined to the claims of course, it is not simple, be-says to his father: "Daddy, bles in a single year. The put out by Soviet propaganda cause, in the first place, free you've been auditing a kolkhoz, Director also owes 2,000 roubles Activities." for rent, lighting and radio.... But they cover up nicely for bottled, an orderly whispereach other, these two, and live ed: "Try the petrol point, very pleasantly—at the State's sir. That's where we draw

in the following tale, entilled in the Soviet press to this kind the petrol point where you can in the following tale, entilled in the Soviet press to this kind the petrol point where you can "Two Pals". and the fact that it is nearly to a forty-gallon drum of petrol this he reacts strongly. What! The Director of the District always directed against per- by simply asking for it. the sins of average and acquisit Perepelits has sent his wife Ford Combine at Kromov, B.M. cons in relatively high positions But a tiny bottle of off to a spa and mine has to Pushechnikov, holds accountant shows that the boasts about methylated spirit? No, sir, you ctay at home! I won't stand Golyakov in high esteem. For the "new Soviet man" have have to have a doctor's certifor that! So he sends for the Golyakov is a conscientious little foundation in fact in the ficate for that. We were back

methylated spirit, and this the Army does not issue. The only methylated spirit rubbing on your arm when they give you a jab with the needle.

OUITE all right for the chaps who heard about. want it....and Golyakov en- this. They got away with it. ters it all very properly in the They went up to the M.O. or one of the medical. or-Pigs, of course, grow from derlies, and asked casually for the loan of a little

> "What do you want it for?" the M.O. asked. "Everybody asking for methylated spirit? Has the entire British Army taken to drinking it or what? Everyone from generals

our supplies."

where we started:

BERNARD WICKSTEED sends a personal story from Korea which suggests that the Army hasn't changed very much

# STRIKE A LIGHT.

F you have got enough influence in the Army today, that is to say if you are on drinking terms with the quartermastersergeant, you can sometimes get hold of a contrivance called the paraffin pressure lamp.

In theory it is supposed to be an improvement on. old-fashioned candle stuck in a bottle with which the soldier lights up his tent or hootchie (the new name for dugout).

But the troops are beginning to wonder if it is not weapon designed to send the British Army mad.

going it is all right, but it bustion may cause DEATH. is supposed to be lit with

## Something odd

As I went out, empty

# STRUCK A BARGAIN

An ingenious old soldier had the next does. solid fuel tablets? They are issued to troops for cooking in the front line and should be

A deal was done with a corporal who had acquired a supply and didn't know what to db. with them. They had fallen off an American truck.

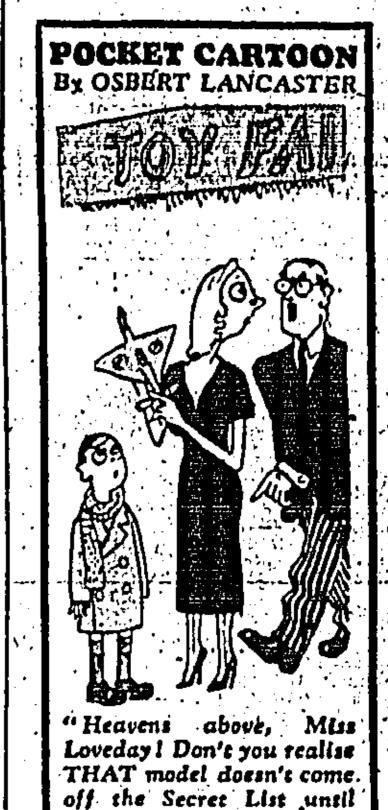
They burned beautifully with the same hot, blue flame as methylated spirit, but gave off such fearful fumes that we staggered choking from the

In the gathering dusk we. looked at the container and were Once you get the thing Breathing the fumes of com-

TETTH a reproachful look I W gove them all back to the Korea is the limited corporal and once again we supply used by doctors for were back where we startedexcept that by this time it was

> The only thing left was to try petrol. Everyone said it wouldn't work, and it didn't. It filled the place with smoke and covered the lamp, the inside of the tent, and Wickstock, with soot, but it didn't provide: enough heat to get the monstrosity going.

Next day I swopped the lamp with a newly arrived subaltern for an electric torch and six candles: 'He thought he had made a terrific bargain. Little does he know. Hat Ha!



DAVID LEWIN on a satin-lined safari

# Honey-Bear Ava turns up Sinatra tuck-box

Kagera River, Tanganyika. TTONEY BEAR AVA and II two New York-bred leopards arrived here just after a pride of lions made a dawn raid on the camp. To greet Ava Gardner (Honey Bear is her film nick-

name in "Mogambo" which is being made in the bush here), a red carpet is provided. To great the rare and expensive black leopards there is M and B for one who is sick, and a shop-polish-like lotion ... to Chestnuts carry only meagre paint over the bald patch on

## ROARING OFF

The lions - three of them-Miss Dilys James, a scientist, have warmed up.

Claims that these nuts are surprisingly rich in a vitamin call—

The blood-stafved tissues after the Christmas pudding may away.

The blood-stafved tissues after the Christmas pudding may away.

supplies. And these are largely the rear of the other.

cwell up into itching chilblains, be replaced by papples—a cross and lined safari. Miss Cartiner brings with her from sick loave The first-ever undoubted in London two crates of special hybrid between a pear and an drinking water in bottles and a apple has been grown by British tuck-box provided by hushand Frank Sinatra,

Eleven of the hybrids—year-old breakfast cereal to steaks, both seedlings with leaves half-way in abundant supply here.

forest something stirs—nothing serious, only three scroplane engines specially, flown in to

Then Honey Bear Ava comes

bungalow. Miss Gardner is to take a She strips off and 80 gallons Tests carried out by Dr Robert were beaten only by fresh broad in shape between apples and Courley and others have groved beans, and pens, as natural pensy-sis the John that a steady supply of this courses of nicotinic acid. They inness Heritcultural Intitution at a cid—coupled, with the presument of the presum of river water start to spray

Suddenly a rush, a tawny streak; and a lion leaps from the undergrowth in front of us and over the bonnet of our car. followed ... immediately by another.

after Christmas!"

Everyone in the cast is working now. West End actor Larry Nabmith, as a river captain, is plioting an animal. armada up - stream. Philip Stainton and Eric Pohimann. are Gable's assistants; unload. the cargo.

There is a worrying moment. when a giraffe falls on Stainton. "Worrying for the giraffe,.. that is," says Stainton — he weighs 1814 stone.

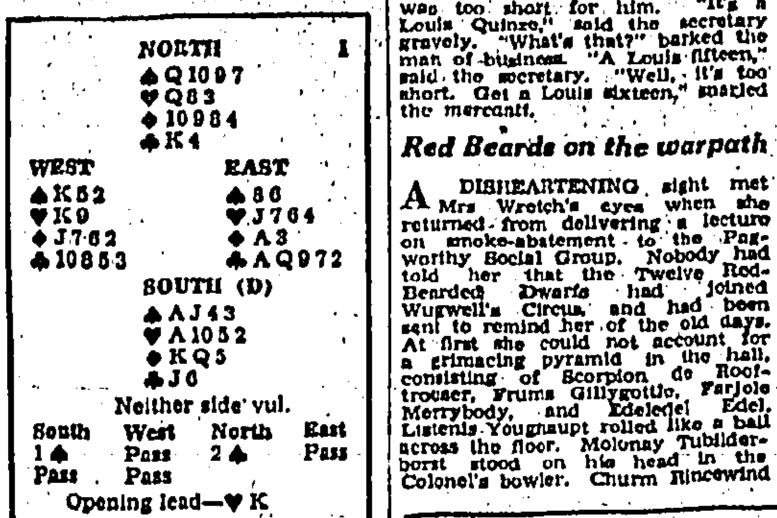
## DE-TANNED ...

are greeted by ormed white manufacture a hurricane. But when it comes to Clark Gable and Grace Kelly Danald Binden, 29-year-old Bribattle through it. It looks un- tich; actor whose first film part comfortable, but Gable says: was a lead in "The Cruel Sea," "Don't worry about actors, the camera crow say he is too. They are always comfortable." sunburned to appear as a newly arrived tenderfoot in the jungle. The problem is solved to Gable's four-roomed jungle, by de-tanning bim with baking

powder. As the sun sets we sit around This contains everything from shower on the rear yerandah outside our luxury tents, wait dor the evening ... Alm -perform-

Ava Cardner Mghs. "Some and feet warm—is the most riand feet warm—is the most rilieble way to prevent chilblains. We have also rich in the antipapples or papples or papples

Danger Signs; Grow Old Easily



#### By OSWALD JACOBY

THEN a horn blows while you're crossing the street, you usually make a wild dash for the nearest sidewalk. This may not be dignified, and you may give the horn a dirty look, but it's a good way to grow

The same sort of thing happens in bridge. When a loud danger signal goes off in your car that's the time to jump. Today's sad story is about a player who forgot to jump.

West didn't see how he could beat two spades without some rost of luck and ingenuity, so he opened the king of hearts. This sort of opening lead shricked out loud that West had only one more heart and was trying to get a ruff. It also indicated that West was a bit desperate with a bad hand, so that East probably had most of the high cards.

Having seen the danger, South should have gone right after the trumps by laying down the see and continuing with a low trump. The contract would be safe if East had the ace or tack of diamonds, or if the opponents failed to take two club tricks.

But South didn't want to be He won the first trick with the acc If there is a last-minute Christmas ing. Check for the truth, first. rushed, so he didn't jump for safety. of hearts and tried to get to dum-my with the king of clubs in order sent, remember to do it. to try a trump finesse. East took the ace of clubs and returned the three of diamonds. South won with the king of diamonds and persisted in the attempt to reach dummy by leading a low heart to dummy's queen. This brilliant manoeuvre permitted him to

take a losing trump finesse to West's king. West no longer expected to beat the contract, but his portner had led diamonds so he obediently returned the ault. East took the acc of diamonds and carefully cashed the queen of clubs. Then, deliberately omitting to cash the jack of hearis.

East led the seven of hearts.

gave him the lead. Since there was no other chance, West returned another diamonds, and was delighted children. They may be overly children, to find that East could rull. This excited in anticipation of tomorrow. was the sixth defensive trick, so South had found a way to go down

Q-With noither aldo vulnerable, the bidding has been: North East South 1 Dismond 1 Heart -? South, hold: Spedes A-5-4. Hearts 8-4, Diemonds K-J-3-2, Clubs K-Q-8-4. What do you do?

A-Bid three diamonds. If your partner can stop the hearts, there should be a reasonable play for three no-trump; otherwise for five diamonds. At any rate, your bid suggests excellent support for dia-monds in a hand that is roughly worth an opening bid in its own

# TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spade 3, Hearts 8-4, Diamonds K-J-9-3-2, Clubs K-Q-8-5-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

# TELLIGENCE STESTES There and Back

By T. O. HARE thorn to Whitecake. One day last week Magneto left Blackthorn to drive to Whitecake and Clearbox left Whitecake to drive to Blackthorn and back, and Clearbox left Whitecake to drive to Blackthorn and back, at the maintaining a uniform speed on the outward journey, increased his speed on the return journey by 15 miles per hour. Clearbox drove at a uniform speed throughout. They passed one another, on the return journey, 17 miles from Blackthorn, and reached bome at the same time. What was Magneto's speed

(Solution on Page 10)

on the outward lourney?



# by Beachcomber

that the bed in the chief bedroom was too short for him. "It's a Louis Quinze," said the secretary gravely. "What's that?" barked the man of business. "A Louis fifteen," said the secretary. "Well, it's too short. Get a Louis sixteen," snarled the mercents. the mercantt.

Red Beards on the warpath

A Mrs Wrotch's eyes when she returned from delivering a lecture on smoke-abatement to the Pageworthy Bocial Group. Nobody had told her that the Twelve Redwhold arrest on sight everybody told her that the Twelve Redwhold arrest on sight everybody who is out in the streets between the Bearded Dwarfs had joined Wugwell's Circus, and had been sent to remind her of the old days. At first she could not account for a grimacing pyramid in the hall, consisting of Scorpion de Roofe trouser, Frums Gillygottle, Farjois theseloons flight of four young trouser, Frums Gillygottle, Farjois threatened them with her knitting-Merrybody, and Edeledel Edel. Listenis Youghaupt rolled like a ball

rethe fitting of a very long bed sat in a large flower-pot with his legs round his nack. The other five had sent the cook into hysterics by man, reminded me of the lanky playing wheelbarrows round the magnate who bought an old kitchen table. "Who sent you mansion furniture and all, flams Wugwell," replied Sophus flams Wugwell," replied Sophus that the bed in the chief bedroom we come, our heart's delight," sang was too short for him. "It's a Amaninter Axiling and Guttergoam Amaninter Axling and Guttergoam Guttergormton. "There is some mistake," vouchsafed the dumbfounded chatelaine.

#### In passing

ask everyone his business who is out in the streets between 18 a.m. and 6.30 a.m.

#### By STELLA YOUR BIRTHDAY.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

casually.

BORN on the first day of the in- apt to give away your dreams, or coming sign, Capricorn, you will ideas, for freel You will think most things out very carefully before committing yourself, and are a fine organiser. You have the gift of the be ruled by Saturn, the god of time, who gives you a sixth sense to deal with the problems of mankind in your own particular way. Itetaining written word, and a gentle, pleasant wit that comes out some of the qualities of the outgoing unexpectedly, much to the surprise of those who know you only sign, being born on the cusp, the mixture is bound to make you an individual of unique and rather exceptional talent. Since you will be able to do a number of things better than the average, your major difficulty may be in rejecting any one thing that you prefer to do enough to make it a life work. impulsive when it comes to romance. and will probably wed after long acquaintance. Your marriage should Fortunately, you have a good business sense and seem to know Fond of children, you will want a how to make money out of all your large family of your own.

Y original ideas. Your imagination is To find what the stars have in exceptionally vivid, and you should store for tomorrow, select your learn to direct it toward a definitive birthday star and read the corcient objective at an early age. You are responding paragraph, Let your not much of a talker, and are not birthday star be your daily guide. business sense and seem to know

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

CAPILICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)- as well as the children on this Let this Christmas Eve be devoted to Christmas Eve. those things which are spiritual and worth while. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)-PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) - Spend the evening at home with the An evening for home and family; members of your family in the good, trinuning the Christmas tree; hanging, old traditional fashion. up stockings for the children.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—

A fine day for those last-moment shopping details you may have neglected—or forgotten! TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)— Minur economies at this time may save severe headaches after the first of the new year! GEMINI (May 22-June 21)-Concentrate on achieving an important goal in your career. You can

get what you want. CANCER (June 22-July 23)— Make this a happy Christmas Eve at West was obliged to ruff, which for the children's day tomorrow, other chance, West returned on the lead. Since there was the children's day tomorrow, the children's day tomorrow.

I.E.O (July 24 - Aug. 23) making preparations for them.

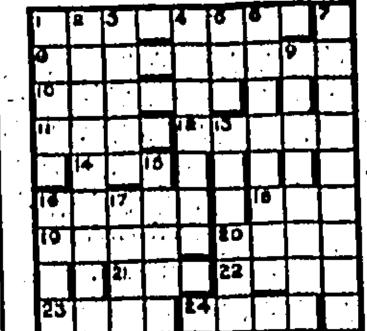
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White, 9 pieces. White to play: mate in two. prise. Solution to yesterday's problem: 1, P-Q4, any; 2, R, B, or Kt

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Bird to sling round a sailor, (8) 8. Pettishness consumed in moderate way. (9)
10. Pale in mountainous fashion.
(6) 11. Every sneak does. (4)
12. Sense is alien to him. (b) id. Fastener. (3) 16. Tho' the fleet may be on-the rose. (8)

18. A type of 16 in return. (3)

19. Automaton. (6) 20. Fish. (4)

21. Get into debt. (3)

22. Such stone became baggy. (4)

23. Outer cover. (4)

24. Repeat. (4)

Announce the condition. (5)

1. Call up for help on too. (9)

2. Legislator in drink? Plenty. (5)

3. Let nine be mild. (7)

4. Synonym of two thirds of 8. (3)

5. Hairs a decent ple but hundreds

4. Warning sound. (6)

6. A warning sound. (6)

6. Part you get caught in. (4)

6. States tramp's instrument? (4)

Merrybody, and Edeledel Edel. Discounts with her knitting-Listenis Youghaupt rolled like a ball threatened them with her knitting-across the floor. Molonay Tubilder- needles, seems to suggest that the borst stood on his head in the prospect of a good flogsing might Colonel's bowler. Churm Rincewind he an even more powerful deterrent.

#### You have a deep interest in the welfare of mankind, and would prove a powerful protagenist for some worthy cause. You me not

prove a imppy and contented one. Tond of children, you will want a bought for 30s, at a sale; a Sevres plate; two gold candlesticks with red candles; two Staffordshire dogs; roses and lilles of the valley in a small vase; a pestle and mortar in red china and gold; two note-books; lists; pencils—and invitations galore tucked into every bit of piece. I do all my serious SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)- spare space.

"In theory," said Miss hasn't got a chair in front Leighton, "L like mantelpieces of it, so it has just turnto be tidy and ornamental-but ed into another cupboard, it's an uphill fight. I spend all which I never use." Miss day standing up huddled over Leighton agrees with the ver-

the fire because I get so cold, diet: Any place she lives, hoteh-potch of given and so everything automatically becomes rather like a theatro collected odds and ends. And, lump erabment or use tinned dressing-room after she has of course, the Leighton mantelfinds its way on to the mantel-

WONANS ENSE

ing machine.

matches and it all turns into a hotch-potchery.

# Joanna Pace's

I WISH MORE people would I WONDER why some of my have MORE small tables at in- friends still think it's "pretty". formal tea parties, so that I to serve wine in tinted glasses could have somewhere to put that kill the colour of the my sardine-on-toast while I'm drink? struggling with a cup of tea and I CONGRATULATE a certain clusive spoon in saucer.

I OBSERVE a new horror in know when to leave. . . At a grapefruit. Peel 1 avocado and the Christmas-present problem. quiet signal from Mother, their cut in long thin strips. Arrange Friends have drawn up a hope- young daughter neatly rounds star-shaped on shredded lettuca. ful list of gifts they would find up the men's hats in the hall. Decorate with pomegranate acceptable, First item: A wash- It is quite a hint! -(London Express Service.);

# Christmas Dinner

ly the menu, for the Sloux City (USA) Christmas dinner, that will bo enjoyed in this setting;

Hot Spiced Fruit Juleo Crabment Cocktail . Olives Jellies Rolls Bread Stuffing Roast Turkey Mashed Potatoes Escalloped Onions Grapefruit - Avocado Salati Christmas Style

Plum Pudding Rum Flavoured Sauce Nuts

#### Hot Spiced Fruit Juice

Almost any kind of fruit ulco may be used. Grapefruit juice, raspberry juice or cur-rant juice are appetising and colourful. To each cup of fruit juice add a little honey or sugar to sweeten, 2 whole cloves, and a 1" piece of stick cinnamon. Heat in a . double boiler, but do not overcook, as this impairs the 'flavour and colour. Strain out the spice; serve in small cups, or use toddy bowls. In this case float a yery thin slice of lemon on

#### Crabmeat Cocktail

First make the sauce. To do. this, combine 2 thsp. prepared horse-radish, 3 thsp. tomato ketchup, 1 tbsp. lemon julce, tbsp. Worcestershire sauce, 2 dashes tabasco and salt to taste, then chill. Just - before or serving, stir in 2 c. chilled crabmeat, from which all shell been there a long time. Nothing piece gets the brunt of the has been carefully removed. Toss gently with the sauce so the crabmeat will not be broken up. Line sherbet cups with small heart leaves of lettuce. Heap in the crabment cocktail mixture; top with a stuffed

#### Suggestion of the Chef

For grapefruit and avocado couple who have got over the salad Christmas style, peel and problem of guests who don't cut the sections from 1 large seeds for a touch of red. Pass French dressing.

# MARGARET LEIGHTON submitted to the JOHN FRENCH camera test which probes the question: "Does your mantelpiece give you away?" view: A "junk" clock The Brunt of her home Hotch-Potchery

# BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

# Mr. Merlin's Magic Kiting

. \_It's Lots of Fun, But Only He Can Do It!-

By MAX TRELL

Don't place too much dependence

upon a rumour you hear this even-

BAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)-

vingo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)— KNARF and Hanid, the Tomorrow is a special day for the has shadow-children with the children. Devote your evening to turned-about names, were just forn rags and ribbons wasn't making preparations for mem.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)— starting to walk up the hill tangled.

Consider the elders in your family when they met their friend Mr Merlin, the magician. They were surprised to see that he "Now I'm ready to go up." was wearing a long, red cloak, to the end of which was tied a streamer of torn rags and rib- Merlin if they couldn't go kiting bons, like the tall of a kite. It with him. dragged behind him as he walked .-- Under his arm, the Not Many Children Luckymagician carried a large ball of

> After greeting Mr Merlin, answered, "And hold on. This Knarf and Hanid asked him if will be something to tell your he was going to thy a kite.

## Won't Fly a Kite

Mr Merlin smiled, 'Well, I'm not exactly going to fly a kite. I'm going to do a little kiting myself."

"Kiting?" said Hanid in sur-

"What's that?" asked Knarf.

"When you fly a kite, you off the ground! the kite. When you go kiting, you're the kite!"

can you do that?"

"Most people couldn't," them continued walking up the hill, "but for a magician like me, it's as easy as falling off a

top of the hill a few minutes said Knarf. later. Mr Merlin set about getting himself ready to go kiting.

the string around his wrists and his ankles. Then he opened his cloak so that it caught the wind like a big triangular sail, and made sure that the tail of

"All right," he finally said. Knarf and Hanid asked Mr

"Certainly! Just sit on my the magician shoulders.'' friends about. It isn't many children who are lucky enough to go kiting. But then again, it isn't many children who are lucky enough to know me, Merlin the Magician!"

. Mr Merlin now stooped down while Knarf and Hanid climbed on his shoulders, "Hold on!" he warned again. With that he started running. The next second the wind billowed in the cloak and Mr Merlin and "Very simple." said Mr Mer- Knarf and Hanid started rising

Higher and higher they wentl Sweeping from side to side and "But-" began Knarf. "How now and then swooping down, but always righting themselves again: "It's a good thing I tied Mr that long tail on the end of the Merlin said, as all three of cloak," Mr Merlin remarked as get down to the hilltop again. they kept rising up. "It keeps us good and steady, just as it does a regular kite!"

On reaching the open, windy has a tail - to keep it steady,"



correspondence leaning on it.

I do have a desk, but it

Mr Merlin opened his cloak so it caught the wind like a sail.

looked: like tiny insects, and the insects couldn't be seen at

## Enjoyed Every Minute

"I've often wondered," sald Mr Merlin to Knarf and Hanid, were enjoying every minute of this extraordinary trip, "why most people keep on flying kites when it's so much more fun going kiting themselves. I suppose I really ought to show them how to do

"I'm glad we know!" said Knarf. "Don't be so sure about that,"

smiled Mr Merlin. By this time, it had become late and Knarf and Hanid wondered how they were going to But it turned out to be no trouble at all. Mr. Merlin simply pulled back on the string, winding it slowly into:a "Oh, now I know why a kite ball and pulling themselves as a tail — to keep it steady," gradually down. They arrived safely.

Now they were so high over . And the next day Knarf and The first thing he did was the the top of the hill that they Hanid tried to go kiting themone end of the ball of string to could see the whole countryside selves. But it didn't work at a tree stump, knotting it tightly. below them. The houses looked all. "I guess' I suppose' it's The other end of the string he like match boxes, the trees because we're not magiclans," tied to his belt after winding looked like hedges, the birds Knarf said sadly to his sister.

# Rupert and the Diamond Leaf-9





sure they're not posocous?"





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# enjoy them



FIVE-POINT PLAN TO PROTECT FIGHTERS

# Death Out Of The Ring

Says BERNARD EATON

Within a month of one another Honore Pratesi, French flyweight, and Leonard Davidson, amateur featherweight, died after fights in British rings.

This brings the death roll among boxers in Britain in the past five years to the total of 14 and in the western world as a whole to 70.

Reluctantly—reviewing these figures — I am coming down on the side of Dr. Edith Summerskill and the angels in stating that boxing is the most dangerous, and possibly the most lethal, sport in the world.

Certainly it is the only sport where the aim is to batter an opponent into a state of insensibility or so to impair him physically that it is impossible for the contest to continue.

One expert states that every champion will have experienced this once or twice at least in his career.

In the past 18 months the British Boxing Board of Control has fathered a scheme which, And an official organ of the

other sport.

But much more far-reaching than death is the mental and

drunk to some degree.

And Britain's medical journal, electrical brain waves normal.
the Lancet, states that 5 per cent are "punchy" after only five the case of Gene Tunney, who committee of the Boxing Board that the age limit for boxers' develop mental and emotional keen intellect.

#### DAMAGE TO BRAIN

changes.

The Lancet further states that It is probable that no head blow is taken with impunity and that each knock-out causes definite and irreparable damage to the

An unknown number of the victims of punch-drunkenness end their lives in mental hospitals, state doctors, and the rest spend their lives in a mental twilight from which there is no

For punch drunkenness is the result of many blows to the head which permanently damage the brain. The damage is caused because when a punch lands the brain hits the skull and minute haemorrhages form.

In the case of Davidson the haemorrhage was large. Edgware Hospital's pathologist stated that it had formed between the brain and the skull.

Normally these haemorrhages heal and tiny scars take their place. But each scar means the loss of a certain number of brain cells and when this process is carried on over a period of years the effects can be disastrous.

-TRAGIO-EFFECTS--the effects are often

Fontaine. Canadian middleweight, was notorious in the boxing world as an extreme "punchy."

Charged with killing his fiancee he pleaded insanity on these grounds.

He was hanged, but his doctor's report clearly showed that his central nervous system had been affected.

It even happened to champion

Jeck Dempsey. fight after that and did not know

result in his dressing room.

# Leeds To Give Leslie Driffield Civic Reception

London, Dec. 22. Leslie Driffield, the 39-year-ld World, English and All-India Amateur Billiards Champlon, arrived home in Leeds

Father Christman. He is to be ared Club.

Elven a civic reception.— Coloni France-Presse.

# ARCHIE MOORE READY TO

And an official organ of the American Medical Association states categorically that boxing has produced more deaths per number of participants than any other sport.

Such cases of temporary loss of tion of the boxing authorities of lion of the boxing box under carefully controlled conditions and with many safe-

known to the boxing fraternity miles before he recalled who he as "slap happy," "slug nutty," difficulty in concentration and having enough brains to have a loss of interest in intellectual bendache"

kenness among amateur and pro- state caused Finnish doctors of that their scheme is as near fessional boxers is immeasurable the Red Cross to examine eight fool-proof as possible. -but according to doctors Finnish amateur boxers with an This scheme seems to me to familiar with the problem 50 per electro - encephalograph — the be, an admirable move in the cent of active fighters are punch- machine which measures brain right direction. But two other

years in the ring and 60 per cent reached the heights, but kept a that the age limit for boxers'

gloves" because after a bout with of licence holders last year.

SPORTRAIT

"It's only fair. Gerald. having spent all morning should see your tootball this afternoon."

London Express Service

# ARMY WINS SMALL BORE **SHOOT**

The Army's "A" Team again won the Secretary's Shield for And stories of boxers who re- the third time in succession last member nothing after the Sunday at the Hongkong Gun earliest stoges of a fight are Club Small Bore Range, New Territories.

He once fought on successfully of the old hands in the Small after taking a blow to the chin. Hore Shoot; they have been was well captained and he had won until he was told the deserved to win. However, the stop the contest when they standard of the shooting on the consider a boxer taking part is whole was very poor compared with the scores of the previous shoot in September. This may have been due to lighting conditions, which were very bad throughout.

The results were as follows:-

Army's "A" Team 1129 points Hong Kong Police 1116 Royal Air Force 1110 Royal HK Defence Hong Kong Gun Club 1103 The Royal Navy

this afternoon. He had reached London by air from India on Sunday.

Driffield was met in Leeds by his three, young daughters to whom he had given a promise to return in time to net as Club.

At the conclusion of the meet, the Challenge Shield was presented by Mr Wong Bor, Ron, Recretary of the Hongkong Ride Association, to Maj. A. Bell. Captain of the Army's "A" team. During the interval, luncheon was served to all participating members through the courtesy of the Hongkong Gun At 2.30 p.m., the selected teams fired for the Small Born Inter-Colonial Postal Matches, 1963. A team of eight fired in the Aperture Sight Event and another eight fired in the Open Sight event. The highest individual acores returned was by Cape. F. L. Gerdham of the REME who fired a "100" and a "99" out of a possible 100.

MEET TURPIN

New York, Dec. 22.

Archia Moore's manager of the State Athletic Commission here today that the newly-crowned Light-heavyweekfit Champion is ready to distond his title against Randy Turpin if the British boxer wants the charce.—Amooisted Pross.

Results follow:

1. The Aperture Bight Team, Total Aggregate 1,642 points.

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can be suspended; questions One student boarded a train about a fighter's health have to physical condition among boxers after a bout and travelled 100 be enswered by a doctor before

Hoences have been suspended The amount of punch drun- Concorn about this "punchy" permanently in 18 months and

progressive steps have been In only one case were the blocked by boxing authorities.

licences be raised from 16 to 18 Yot Tunney "hung up his years was defeated at a meeting

a sparring partner he re- This proposal was based on membered nothing until the the fact that young people are particularly vulnerable to brain damage because the membrane and supporting tissues of the brain are more delicate.

One astounding admission

made during the argument was that many boxers who leave the amateur ranks after their 16th birthday were punch drunk. Then at the annual general during a bout was defeated.

## HORRIFIED PUBLIC

The editor of the British fight market. Medical Association's journal, medical correspondents in 60 sary, but rather hesitant, pre- on the retreat, McCarthy won countries is studying the whole problem by following the careers excitement. of certain boxers.

I shall not be satisfied until this committee have reported. For unless the rules are so tightened to preclude tragedies of the ring, horrifled public opinion may outlaw boxing for ever.

## THE PLAN

protect fighters:

fighter has "had enough"; 2. To set an age limit above limit to the total number of summary and horizontal end. years in which a man may

engage in fighting; 4. To set up machinery which would ensure that no loopholes ing himself at the ringside, is exist for any fighter, manager, among those who agreed with The Army's "A" had a few or promoter to by-pass Points referee Davidson's verdict that Two and Three.

but remembered nothing of the working very hard, the team ringside with full power to over Featherweight Champion overrule a referee's decision and Ronnie Clayton. unfit to continue.

# Henley Regatta Dates Set

London, Dec. 22. 1953 Henley Royal Rowing Regntta is to be held from July 1 to 4, it was nounced by the Regatta Stowards tonight. The Queen has consented to

become patron of the Regatta. -Reuter.

The Duke of Edinburgh was at Harringay Arena, London, on the night December 11 for the boxing tournament in aid of the National Playing Fields Association.

Photo shows the Duke congratulating Sammy McCarthy on his victory over Clayton.

#### **COLUMN** WHITING'S **GEORGE**

# Williams Is The U.S. Again—But Needs More Fights This Time

Heavyweight Champion Johnny Williams, winner by means of a fifthround knock-out at Harringay over the German-born giant from Luxemburg, Werner Wiegand, is off to the United States again in the New

Manager Ted Broadribb, having repeated in dressing-room pantomime the right cross with which Wiegand was knocked into a heap, considers our Champion can still use the experience to be gained from meeting second-class American heavyweights.

ment with Rocky Marciano, but they hit something. awallowing tiddlers is no way to advance your cause on the U.S.

paration for 30 seconds of roal four of the 10 rounds on my

## THAT RIGHT CROSS

Just as 'the customers were beginning to get restive at Williams's hit-and-run examination of Wiegand's ponderous and ill-directed swings, Johnny cut loose with a magnificent right cross to the jaw.

Wiegand crumpled, sought Here is my five-point plan to salvation in a clumsy punch or two, and then, after 1min. 11sec. 1. To use electro-encephalo- of the fifth round, was knocked graphs' for measuring brain flat by consecutive left hooks to Douglas could swing the new waves to determine when a the body and chin.

These punches were perfuncwhich a fighter would not be tory; it was , that right-hander allowed to become a professional; that brought Herr Wiegand's 3. To set a carefully-defined hurrled visit to London to a

## McCARTHY'S WIN

Prince Philip, obviously enjoymade young Sammy McCarthy 5. To have doctors at the a clear but close points winner

I agreed, too—and got black looks when, on request, I gave my opinion in Clayton's dressing-McCarthy certainly back-

pedalled, but the buck-pedalling was designed to prevent Clayton getting to work at close quarters -and I consider the strategy both justified and successful. Clayton's bobbing and weaving

defence set McCarthy many problems, but most of them were solved by an always active and nearly always accurate left hand. GOOD POLICY

In some ringside quarters, McCarthy was criticised for not

meeting of the Board in May another proposal by the Southern to mean just one fight against to create or await an opening the power to invite a medical opinion of a fighter's condition certainly not yet ready for argu-right-handers in the hope that the whole the power to invite a medical opinion of a fighter's condition certainly not yet ready for argu-right-handers in the hope that the whole stretching it?

Clayton, who had McCarthy down for "eight" with a right to Williams's display against the tainly the boss "inside"—but he RHKGC Junior Family Doctor, says that an in-big, loose-limbed Wiegand con-ternational committee with sisted of four rounds of neces-By his constant countering, even

#### card. I marked three for Clayton, three even.

WHAT A SUBPRISE Charles Thompson (London Bridge) writes: "What a surprise to find Jack Hobbs selecting Johnny Douglas of Essex as the. best bowler he ever ployed ngainst—of all the great bowlers from Rhodes to Larwood."

Comment: A susprise indeed. Hobbs recalled for me how ball either way, and how he, Hobbs, had had the utmost difficulty in spotting one from the other.

Hobbs added: "If poor old R. R. Combs Johnny were 'alive today, he would say I was the luckiest man in the world to have got runs off him."

J. D. P. Saint (New Maiden) writes: "I was born 'the same day as Jack Hobbs, and your article on his 70th birthday made me feel young again. My only complaint is that you did not mention Hobb's impired fielding at cover-point."

Comment: Sorry, Hobbs, with characteristic modesty, skims lightly over his fielding promess -but points to a scarred third finger on his less hand. injured it, he told me, when he dropped a "dolly" in the long. field off, the great Walter Brearley at Old Trafford.

# BY GEORGE....

Cricketing in a strong wind in Western Australia, the players agreed that the bails be affixed to the stumps with chewing gum. When a ball hit the wicket of Wally Longdon, Western Australia captain, a ball was dis-

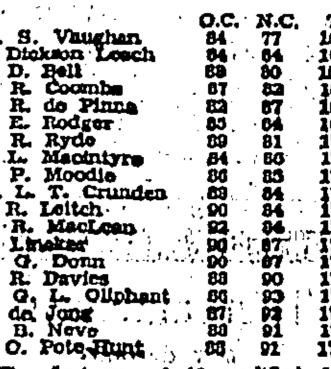
-(London Express Service)

# Championship

Mr W. S. Vaughan led the list of qualifiers for the Junior Championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club with the excellent score of 161, for 36

Mr. R. D. Bell and Mr. J. Dickson Leach were joint runners-up with 168. Fifty-eight players participated in the competition which was played on

Individual scores of the 19 leaders follow:



The first named 16 qualified for the match play stages of the Junior Champsonship. R. G. L. Oliphant qualified owing to the return The following is the draw for the first round which is scheduled to be played on Japuary 4 1907.

R. R. Davies vs A. R. de Pinne

R. D. Bell vs T. R. MacLean; Linaker vs W. L. T. Crundsh; R. Vatighan vs R. B. Rodgor; Dickson Leach vs R. P. Moodio; G. Donn vs D. R. Ryde; Leitch vs R. G. L. Oliphant; Macintyre vs R. R. Coumbs.

STARTING TIMES

Members wishing to reserve start-ing times, curing the holidays please noticy the office of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club before 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 24.



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The League Management Committee of the Hongkong Football Association decided at a meeting yesterday that in future hand-bills and posters be printed warning spectators that under the rules of the Association they were liable to expulsion if guilty of improper or insulting behaviour to the referce or players during a match.

at the meeting.

The Committee also dealt Mr R. M. Omar, Secretary of with a letter from Mr L. J. the HKFA, expressed his appre-Channing regarding a protest ciation for the wholehearted co-which was lodged by the South operation which had been given China Athletic Association in by Mr J. R. Henderson of the connection with the Senior Hongkong Football Club's rugby Challenge Shield soccer match section regarding allocation of against the Hongkong Police at the Club ground for football Boundary Street on December matches on certain dates and 7 and which ended in a draw.

The Committee decided to the Emergency Committee to be shortage of grounds. dealt with at the same time as the South China protest.

GOVERNOR'S CUP The Hongkong Football Asso-

selected. The team follows: (Club), Barnicle (RAF), Adanis triun team, said that January 28, (Army), Anderson (Club, Cap- which was suggested as the date Hunt (Army), McGregor (RAF), turn of the Austrian team from tilho (St Joseph's). Honniball by the Association, and it was

that the Senior Shield match appeal of review of sentences in Stoke, even though we let him Whithin a few hours of the between Sing Tao and Kwong imposed on three China Motor go to Blackpool after the war. headlines Wah, originally fixed for Satur- Bus Sports Club players last I am certain he would do his old Matthews was "not happy," day, January 3, on the Navy season was considered. ground, be played on Sunday, It was decided that the three Mr Taylor said the fee Stoke together and decided to call a fixed for that day be played on 1953.

Desk Pen Set 444

Mr J. C. Guimgam presided the following Tuesday or Thurs-

day, also on the Club ground. arranging rugby games elsewhere to assist the Association rofer Mr Channing's letter to in, its predicament over the

SPECIAL GATE At an Interport Sub-Committee meeting of the HKFA, pre-sided over by Mr C. S. Wang, it was decided to arrange for - "ciation's team against the Hong- the pre-sale of tickets to the kong Chinese Football Associa- Press and to open a special gate for the Governor's Cup for schoolboys and Servicemen match on January 1 was also during the Austrian visit over the Chinese New Year holidays. A letter from Mr Wolf Ley-

Deacon (Army), Armstrong beng, who is in charge of the Aus-Santos (St Joseph's), for the fourth match on the re-(Club), McDonald Macao, was unsuitable. Osborne (Army). Re- Leyberg suggested other dates Williams (Army), Cus- which were found unsuitable

Wah), Pereira (St proposed fourth game. and Jayes (RAF). At a meeting of the Emer- the morale of the boys and help HKFA, held under the cha'r- table. The meeting also arranged manship of Mr A. McAlpine, an "He has always been popular asking for a transfer.

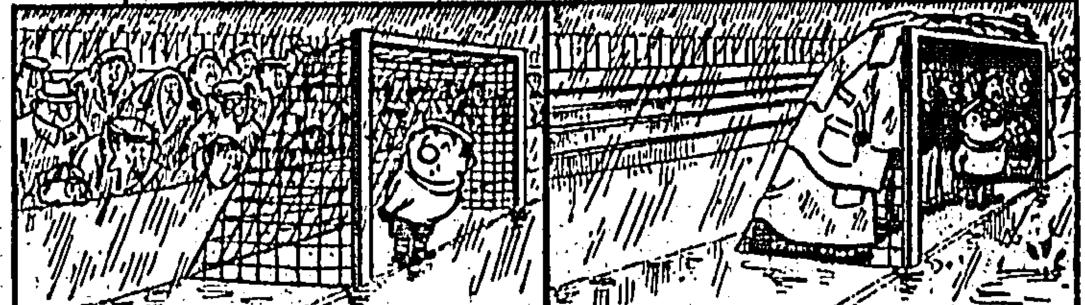
January 4, on the Club ground, players, Mok Yui-choi, Ho Yat- suggested was "a decent one, public protest meeting." and that the Kowloon Motor chi and Yuen Fu-hing, could Naturally they told us they had Bus versus South China match play again as from January 1, received big offers for Matthews to bear "Stanley Matthews must

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By Reg. Wootton



# Started Stanley Matthews Home

By ALAN HOBY A bid has been made to get Stanley Matthews, probably the greatest winger of all time, back to Stoke City, the club which "discovered" him as

a schoolboy 22 years ago. Stoke, who sold Matthews to Blackpool in 1947, asked whether they would consider transferring him back.

Worried by the threat of relegation and falling gates, Stoke have wanted their old star for some time. After their home match with Blackpool, they came out with a firm offer.

NOT turned down. Blackpool sympathetic treatment."

#### MORALE BOOSTER

Stoke manager Frank Taylor (Sing Tao), Kim Kyu-kwan therefore decided to cancel the told me: "We feel that the return of Matthews would bolster

club a power of good." from time to time.

> To select of Leuem ·hero's all you de ...

This offer, I can reveal, was | "We hope they will give us | said they would discuss it at | So the greatest football entertheir next board meeting. "We tainer I have ever seen-the man want time to think it over," they who has played 64 times for England-may make a sentimental journey back to the smoky Potterles town where he became a "household name."

#### HYSTERIA

It was 14 years ago-in 1938-Team Manager: Mr L. F. du gency Sub-Committee of the to push the side up the League that Matthews first tried to leave Stoke. He caused a sensation by seven leading industrialists got

> Soon every hoarding seemed not go!" bills. Hysteria swept the Potteries.

whole city stopped working until the matter was adjusted to everyone's satisfaction and Matthews decided to

#### SURPRISED

Finally the Master did quit the club where he signed as professional at the age of 17 after Joining the ground staff straight from school.

And what does he say about the possibility of his return? 1 contacted Matthews and told him Arthur said, that players should players how to play. the news.

"There have been rumours that I would return to Stoke," he said. "They have been going on ever since I left for Blackpool. Are you sure this is not just an-

said that, if the deal did . through, he would be willing to go back to help his old club.

# All-India Tennis Championships

passage into the second round realise the functions of the Astoday, defeating P. C. Mehta 6-2, sociation.

hard game, carried a powerful

Edward Abrecht, he won his Doubles second round Arthur declared. beating Subban Shivarao, 6-0, 6-1, 6-0., Mottram is expected to meet

India's No. 2, Naresh Kumar, in the semi-final. He is also funcied with Mrs Mottram to win the

#### COLONY SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Robert L. May

realise and fully appreciate that they owed a great deal to the administrators.

"Men who are prepared to do that deserve far greater honour than if they were playing the game them-selves." Sir Arthur said. The Hongkong Football Asso- He added that he had been told ciation controlled the game and that Mesers Lai Shiu-wing, Fung ran it in the interests of all Kam-hol. Armstrong, and Hau

played. He felt it was a fact that there were some very fine school footballers here, but it was really deployable the way some felt from grace in so short a time after they entered Association football. Why could they not remember the lessons they had learnt in school, why could they not remember to play the game as a team and to abhor all tactics which would not be tolerated by any decent person? Either by

Sir Arthur said that he would not be long in the Colony and if there was one thing he would like to say to players and to like to say that they should regard as their first they should regard as their first duty loyalty to the Association (Applause).

(Applause).

"Unless we can depend on the presentatives to see that that same that loyalty of members of the spirit was carried on to the field of

that loyalty of members of the spirit was carried on to the field of partnered by India's Association I see no real future play.

Association I see no real future play.

Abrecht, he won his Arthur declared.

Association I see no real future play.

Turning to referees, Sir Arthur for football in Hongkong", Sir and that they were the ones which took command of the game. Yet He appealed to them to be they were the people who got very

8 No. 2, Naresh Kumar, in an inch were working in ferees who were giving up so much mi-final. He is also fancied had no axe to grind and that had no axe to grind and that the Mrs Mottram to win the their interest was the interest their stention to refereeing school-

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DIALER

# BADMINTON LEAGUE

In the "C" Division Badminton League match played yesterday, Tytem beat Hong-kong University by 7 matches to

The results were: Singles: Ko Wal-bong beat S. K. (Leong 15-8; beat B. Dhabher 15-11; U. Sel Lip beat Leong 15-5, beat Dhabher 18-16; C. H. Wong beat Gilbert Tyc 15-8.

Doubles: Ko Wal-bong and U. Sei Lly lost to Leong and Dhabher 18-21; beat G. Tye and Tony Goh 21-8; Peppo Arculli and C. H. Wong lost to Leong and Dhabher 15-21; beat Tye and Goh 21-3,

#### H.K. BEAT JAPAN AT TABLE TENNIS

Hongkong beat the Japanese table tennis stars 5-4 in a series of exhibition matches at the Chinese YMCA, Bridges Street,

part in the recent Asian Cham- serve your purpose satisfactorily. plonships at Singapore. Results:

Fu Chi-tong best Hayashi 2-0; Sit 132, Nathan Road, Tel. 59850. Shut-char beat Satoh 2-0; Chung Chin-shing best Tsunada 2-0; Hayashi beat Sit Shul-chor 2-1; Trunada beat Sit Shul-chor 2-1; Chung Chin-shing beat Satoh 2-0; Trunada beat Sit Shul-chor 2-0; Hayashi beat Chung Chin-shing 2-0; Fu Chl-fong beat Satoh 2-0.

HKFA Dinner

Play the game, play it well, play it hard but play it fair was advice given by the Hon. Sir Arthur Morse as President of the Hongkong Football Association at a dinner at the Ying King Restaurant last night.

The occasion was the Association's annual dinner to Players, Referees and the Press-a large gathering which also heard Sir Arthur appeal to members to give their loyalty to the Association.

Sir Arthur began his speech the past men of the best have taken with a tribute to "Our Players", an interest in us. We in the future will take an interest in the rising generation of footballers." realise, we owe everything to It was a fact that men who had our players" were received by so often been applauded by the exclamations of "hear, hear"

And if he does—what a gala

-(London Express Service)

day that will be for Stoke!

and loud applause.' --But he would like to add. Sie doing so "do their stuff" in teaching and showing the younger

a strong central body not sub-liay. jected to all sorts of interests | Sir Arthur sold that he had al

## THE FIRST DUTY

Clubs must realise, Sir Arthur continued, that they were represented on the Football Association's Council and that it was Calcutta, Dec. 22.

Britain's Tony Mottram, seeded not clear discussions of all questions. One of the things which tions. One of the things which that disappointed him had been the failure of people to see and pionships here, had an easy pionships here.

Sir Arthur said that he would

loyal to the Association, to abide less doing a splendid job of work.

by its decision and to remember Sir Arthur and he would partial its men were working in ticularly like to mention those reof football in the Colony.

Sir Arthur said that in this Colony there had been produced some extremely line players and a great number of players worthy to be called real feetballers. Unfortunately there had not been produced the same number of self-cracing officials.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL

The Colony Squash Championships will begin on January
12. Entries will close on January
ary 8. Entry forms are available from the Hongkong Cricket able from the Hongkong Cricket Club and United Services Club.

their boots, usefully retire by going linto a second or third team and in

concerned. He thought it was Yung-rang were taking a very great I told him this was fact. He not fully appreciated or realised interest in local school football. It go how much depended on having was in schoolboy football that the or trying to get certain things ways admired local schoolboy foot-

through to suit certain indivi- played. He felt it was a fact that

THANKS EXPRESSED

"More power to them and more credit to them," Sir Arthur said

smidst loud appleuse. "I wish you all in the future the best of good luck," Bir Arthur con-cluded. "Play the same, play it well, play it field hut play it fair."

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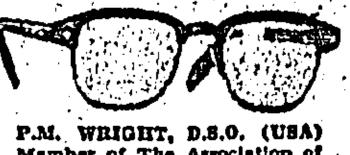
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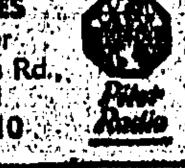
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# Refuse To Accept Bond Payments

London, Dec. 22. Today, December 22, was the day for the first interest payments under Japan's recent offer for settlement of her pre-war. Sterling debts - and the great majority of bondholders preferred not to take the

Japan's paying agents in London stood ready to pay out about £4,400,000 of interest on the bonds.

# SENTENCE APPEAL

Stockholm, Dec. 22. Mr Kurt Haijby, a Stockholm businessman, 58, this afternoon appealed against sentence eight years' hard labour passed on him earlier today for blackmailing officials in the Court of Sweden's King Gustaf V, who any dissatisfaction with Japan's dled in 1950 nged 92.

His counsel also urged Court of Appeal to grant Haijby's release while the appeal is being heard. The Court is not expected to reach any decision until after the Christmas holidays.

Haijby was charged with Court officials had him illegaily committed to a mental home and imprisoned to hush up his association with the King. A Government investigation

cleared the officials and said Hallby was sent to a mental two schoolboys. — Reuter.

## Court Reserves Decision

New York, Dec. 22. The United States Court of Appeals today reserved a decision on a move to save con-Ethel Rosenberg from the elec-

A motion to reverse a lower court decision was heard before Rosenbergs' conviction.—Reu- today in the liner Mooltan on ter.

Bondholders chose to take less than £800,000 of it—because they do not want to pay income tax on the interest. For that reason, only about 18 per cent of the bondholders have so far accepted Japan's offer and thus become eligible for the interest payments.

By continuing to hold the bonds in "unassented" form, bondholders can hope to sell them to pension funds and similar privileged institutions which do not pay tax.

By selling to such buyers, of bondholders get the difference as untaxed capital instead of taxed interest

This situation is not due to offer or to any distrust of the Japan's intention to pay. On the contrary the offer came up to the bext expectations.

## MAY NEVER ACCEPT

It. is because bondholders trust Japan to pay up whenever they do choose to accept that they feel they need not hurry blackmall after he alleged that to accept—and pay the British

> Today is also the day for first interest payments on Japan's dollar bonds in New York. As there is no similar tax complication there, it

for sexual offences higher proportion of acceptance. Some of the Sterling bondholders may never accept the offer. Some bondholders reckon to keep the bonds until Japan herself buys them. They expect her to do so in due course and as she does not pay British tax, the bonds are worth more to her than to bondholders.—Reuter.

## Cardinal's Visit

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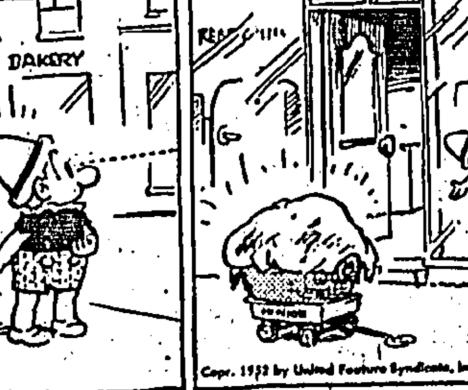
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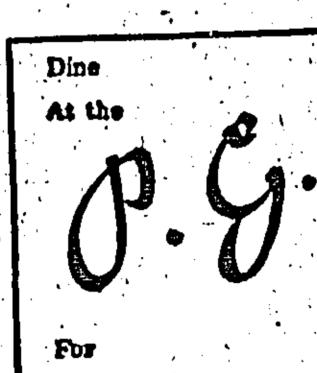
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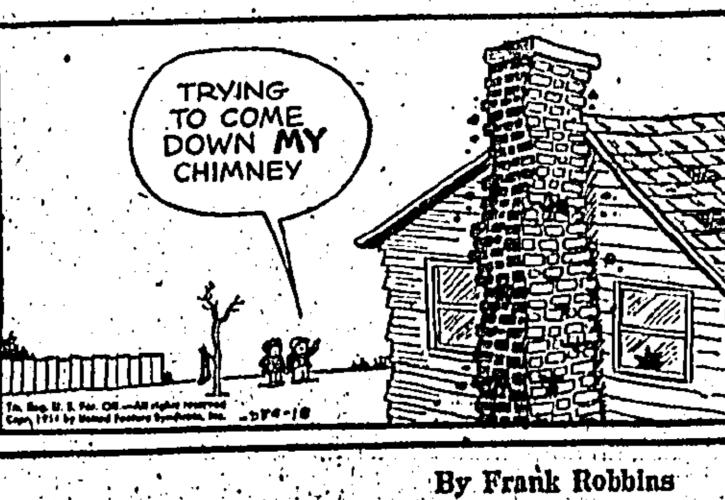
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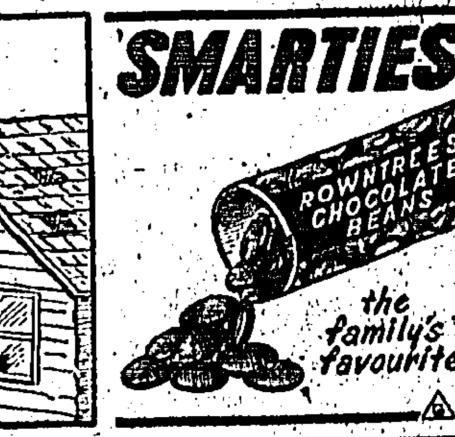
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# BUYING OF GOLD BY

A That financial syndicate purchased 37,000 ounces of gold from abroad during the week ending December 20. Twenty thousand ounces of gold-have already arrived in Bangkok from the first week's purchase of 25,000 ounces and the rest, 5,000 ounces, as well as new purchases of 37,000 ounces, are expected to arrive soon.

The week's purchases of 37,000 ounces were made at a price of US\$37.50 compared with US\$37.70 paid for previous purchases.

Total purchases so far made by the syndicate amounted to 62,000 ounces during December. syndicate will purchase, during January and February 1953, 8,000 ounces in each of the months from abroad, probably from London, Paris and Amster-

was reported that the

syndicate had already distributed the imported gold to the Gold and Diamond Merchants Association of Thailand which consists of more than 600 mem ber merchants. The financial gendicate is reported as charging a commission of two per cent. on C.I.F. cost from the Gold and Diamond Merchants Association After the arrival of 20,000 ounces during the week ended
December 20, prices of gold in
Banglook shoyed a declining
joidtricy and are expected to
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# Control Backfired

Washington, Dec. 22. The export control law curb on trade with the iron curtain countries has backfired on American cotton producers and has hurt them more than Russia, as informed government source said today,

Officials studying the situapointed out that Russia her satellites, including removed. Red China, normally buy up to 1,000,000 bales of U.S. colton annually. This year American shipments are running at less than half of last year's rate.

from a looming surplus. Officials pointed out

absolutely free access to other cotton sources, chiefly Pakistan | pected to take only about 14,- | it. and Egypt. In addition, Russia 000,000 bales. This means herself supplies much of that more than 1,000,000 Finance Minister Abboti replied profit on their Canadian invest-the cotton for her. Eastern bales will be left over at the that there was not much the ments, or the Canadian Govern-European puppets either from end of the season on August 1, the Soviet crop or by reselling 1953 to be added to the 2,700; take millions and millions of time to place a fixed rate of ex-

"Even if we assume that the Communist countries are price one. And with the slacker | voluntary world demand, other countries next year have become anxious sellers Government to push sales. at prices generally below the countries participating in.

Government experts arrived United Press. at their conclusions oven after discounting. The finitastically high production estimated from Red China and Russia. The Red . governments diminounced that the output in China in this Japanese post season bit about 4,500,000

American officials using mill consumption figures and reports! from Embassy experts, way Consols that the China crop was nearer

2,800,000 bales and Russia's closer to 3,800,000. The depressed international cotton market stems from the build-up in importers stocks which followed the heavy buying after the outbreak of the Korean war. Demand was so strong then that export restrictions were imposed on the short 1950 American crop.

When the 1951 crop came in, the curbs, except for the ban on iron curtain shipments, were

The falling-off of demand this year has posed serious problems for. U.S. producers. There were reports that the Government would advise them to cut Sale of another 1,000,000 acreage considerably next year bales would save U.S. growers or face planting restrictions in

the iron curtain nations have at 15,038,000 bales. Foreign and domestic buyers are ex- Government do somothing about

The Cotton Producers getting all the cotton they mittee has been working to need," one official said, "their remedy the situation. It has and is urging mutual security programme.

London, Dec. 22.

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-United Press.

# Sell More To The U.S.

Washington, Dec. 22. In the third quarter of this year, foreign countries sold substantially more to the United States than they bought here, continuing the trend of the second quarter.

Transactions with the U.S., the Department of Commerce said today, enabled foreign countries to tarn \$700,000,000 moto than they spent here in the July-August-September unarier.

Altogether, in the last two quarters, foreign countries have sold \$1,-100,000,000 more to the than they have bought from this country. -Associated Press.

# BOOM

"baby boom" in the U. sales 25 per cent ahead of figure available) was the highest inst season's. Much of the business is in imports.

The toy manufacturers of the U.S., representing the trade, said it is having its hands full supplying the nation's millions of children. It estimates there are now 15,000,000 youngsters in the five to nine-year bracket and that 3,500,000 bables have been born every year

since 1946. Word from most manufacturers is that they are working said, clothing manufacturers did from two to three shifts a day, not trim their payrolls and at a time when normally al- durable goods producers exmost all the year's production panded. would have been shipped.

reported in popular demand: a 1,010,000 above a year earlier. German-made, remote-control- Pre-Christmas expansion in led mechanical jeep, selling retail trade and metal-working for \$2.98, and a Japanese-made offset normal declines in con-\$3.49 model of a B-50 bomber. struction and canning, the Said the Wall Street Journal: Bureau said. similar by domestic producers." cord high for the 12th week in -Associated Press.

# Prospects In New York, Dec. 22. A record Christmas business appeared assured this past week for the retail storekeeper. Again shoppers spent more money than in any

other comparable pre-holiday week. As shoppers spent liberally, money in circulation reached an all-

The emptying sholves were in

retail stores as well as in fac-

EASY CREDIT

Dun and Bradstreet, the

busine's reporting service, said

shoppers was expected to con-

tinue in the final shopping days

the necelerated pace of

tories and wholesalers' houses.

Optimistic Feeling

Over Business

time peak for the fourth week in a row. Industrial production hit the planned and inventories to re-

high spots too, and prosperity stock emptying shelves accountwas predicted by many ed for a fair share of these economists even after the de- loans. fence spending begins to taper

Year-end statements were almost upanimous in their optimism for the months ahead. was talking good business. The only differences

came on how good. The Bureau of Labour Statisties reported factory employ- before. Christmas with Christmas trade. Stores report | ment in November (the latest

since World War II. The Bureau reported were 36,000 more manufacturing jobs than in October and the total was 16,529,000.

The significance is that seacutbacks in some industries usually bring a decline the number of factory workers in November.

#### RECORD HIGH

But this year, the Bureau were also at a record high.

The same situation was true One estimate was that 100,000 for non-form jobs generally. different toys are on the mar- The total of this entegory stood sour notes. New York City, for ket this year. Two that were at 47,862,000 in November-

"They're outselling anything Business - loans were at a rea row and expansions already

# Canadian Dollar Difficulties

Ottawa, Dec. 22. The financial world paid homage to the Canadian dollar in the year now drawing to a close. For the first time in 18 years it climbed from a discount to a premium, becoming the world's most powerful currency.

But pride in that achievement turned into increase. embarrassment for the Canadian Government and for a big segment of the Canadian population.

markets for prosperity, simply barrassment. could not afford an expensive

which rose to a 199-year high of three main developments: than four cents during importers the opportunity of trade. paying less for foreign imports. But exporters complained of considerable hardship. The premlum tended to increase the

price of Canada's exports and cut into Canada's ability to compete for foreign markets. creasing the price of their goods headache and a way to or absorbing the premium as an extra cost. Many exporters remained undecided. No one was certain how long the premium trend would last. Some were

certain it would be short-lived. It was not. As the year drew to a close, the premium shrunk to less than two cents, but then it bounced back to more than three cents.

PRODUCERS COMPLAIN In British Columbia, lumber into their ability to compete in clined. the American market. The This year's crop is estimated British Columbia Government demanded that the Federal

000 on hand from the previous Cenadian dollars to buy up all change on the dollar. the surplus American dollars apparently available in Canada.

Canadian dollars in American sharply,

American currency as it could once to make.

to prevent the Canadian dollar "Changes onance be made from intreasing its premium. that it the Covernment's agents Brancks, bonefits to others,"--stopped buying surplus Ameri- Associated Press.

Many Canadian businessmen can currency, the Canadian argued that Canada, which do- dollar would climb still higher, pended so heavily on foreign adding to the Government's on-THREE CAUSES

Federal experts attributed the The premium on the dollar, dollar's spectacular climb 1. A surplus instead of

August and September, gave deficit in Canada's foreign 2. Heavy movement of foreign

capital into Canada. 3. A "psychological" . growth of confidence in the dollarthe world's money markets.

But for the wheat grower and the gold producer, particularly, It was a case of exporters in- the premium was just a

Carnda sold most of her wheat through the International Wheat Agreement at the maximum price of \$1.80 a bushel in United States funds. Every time the dollar went up a cent, that price went down almost cents a bushel.

Gold producers sold most of their production on the official gold market with the price fixed at \$35 n fine ounce in U.S. funds. Again, every time producers complained that the Canadian dollar jumped up, the high-flying dollar was cutting price in Canadian funds do

WORRYING DECISIONS For those who were dis-

couraged by the increased dollar, there were two possibilities: foreign investors might decide a .Vancouver apeech, to pull in their horns and take Government could do. It would ment might decide it was agains

words the end of the year that American investors were taking money available in the Federal profit on some. Canadian As At was the securities but not to any extent

rate, Mr. Abbott observed in tils. The official reserves at the Vancouver speech wat some end of September climbed to a future time, conditions may depeak of \$1,855,000,000. The velop in which it would be uppropriate to take this stop. But I tell you mankly and from parsonal experience," hb What it actually was doing setting or changing fixed rates of exchange are very worrying

result of a new peak reason. Reinilers were reported relying heavily on promotions and Exchange this morning amount: stressing easy credit terms to ed to \$95,545.80. Noon quotakeep their cash registers ring. tions and the morning's transing-to a greater extent than actions:

inst year, Dun and Bradstreet The business service said the shoppers were running more deeply in debt than ever before. But, Dun and Bradstreet added, It was not an unduly large burden because shoppers' incomes Customers were reported

generally invouring better-grade goods, although muny remained quite bargain-conscious. In the midst of the pleasing reports, however, were a law instance, was the one big ex-

ception to the rule. →COST OF LIVING

One New York shopper said sales were lagging bohind last year and he blamed transportstion difficulties, competition from suburban shopping centres and a city sales tax (three cents on the dollar).

As the rush of holiday shop-

ping increased, the Government reported the cost of living crept up two-tenths of a point in November and equalled the record high of last August. Higher home rents were molnly responsible for the rise, the Bureau of Labour Statistics

The index increase was too alight, however, to prevent a one-cent cut in the hourly wages of about 1,250,000,000 railroad workers whose pay is tied to the BLS index: Under the previous adjustment the rathroad workers had

## received a two cents on hour FOOD PRICES DOWN

While the Covernment was reporting the cost of living going up, Dun and Bradstreet's Index-The index, based on the

of 31 foods in general use, stood at \$6.11, compared with \$8.15 the previous week and \$6.63 a year ago. In regard to food, Agriculture Department in iti final crop report of 1952 sald American farmers produced a

record volume of agricultural products this year despite handicaps of drought," reduced acreages and mostly lower farm And, the Department added, the crops were generally of ex-

cellent quality.

The car manufacturers got some good news. The Defence Production Administration told them in the second quarter of 1953 they would have more steel than at any time since the Korean fighting started.

## STEEL TIGHT

The Government said the car manufacturers would get up to 70 per cent of their consumption up to that time. And the our makers were promised enough steel in the

first quarter to build an additional 175,000 cars and trucks probably their full authorisation of 1,250,000 cars and 815,000 trucks. Such civilian goods as re-

frigerators. lown-mowors En farm and garden equipment also bonesitted, from civilian steel allocations. The Iron Age, meinl-working There was some indication to- trade woodly, soid: "The sleel

Many steel people," Iron Age said, "had expected first signs Government had invested more to push the exchange rate down of easing demand to start showing chout the first of the year." -Associated Press.

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NOWSLEY, Lancs. --II The sharp, harsh impact of sudden, violence like |murder, upon a small community, tends to make each member of that community retreat into himself defengively.

In the village, that sprawls without pattern about-the walls of Knowsley Half, a kind-of shocked silence fell, when the news filtered out of the shooting at the big house. The news took about three hours to travel the mile and a half from the house to the village, where most people were on nodding terms at any rate, with the two men killed, and with their

For the next 24 hours, when they were left to themselves, and not answering questions from curious outsiders, the villagers talked football, racphensant-shooting, weather - about anything except what is known locally as "That Night."

A FTER the first 24 hours, A they talked for some days of little else.

But they talked of what they rend in papers printed away, of the tragedy that had happened on their doorstep. Zenlously discreet, the indoor staff at the big house kept mostly within the park walls. When they emerged they dld not speak of That Night.

A woman servant called Miss Margaret Whittley (at 88 she is the oldest Knowsleyborn inhabitant) at her almshouse home. The pair talked of many things concerning the big house and the family; the shooting was not mentioned."

Sald Miss Whittley, a scamstress who used to make all the Knowsley maidservants' dresses; "Oh dear no, it wouldn't do to talk about, it. 'They' never

Now that the verdict is known, talk about That Night has started again, and inside information spices the

talk at last: At the Derby Arms, the imposing, neat, village inn, . Bob Hart, an old regular soldier known as "Barney," has for the time being lost his accustomed audience for tales of campaigns in Rangoon in '04, South Africa\_'01,\_The\_customers .concentrate on stories told by men like one I met whom I shall

call Benjamin. Benjamin was up at the house That Night. He talked to Winstanley 10 minutes before the boy who had swapped a gun for a pair of trousers went into the hall and shot Lady Derby

There is a small club for the staff of the Hall, a few hundred yards' from the house. That Night Winstanley .-came into the club at the same time as Benjamin. He. bought. six packets of eigarettes, inquired of the steward about a rallic for a bottle- of whisky, suid good-night, and went to the

· "Harold wasn't the Urinking sort. I don't think I've ever seen him have above two bottles of beer. But I've seen him come in and offer drinks all round, though he couldn't really have afforded to buy them. He seemed to do it for 'effect."

"That Night," said Benjamin "he looked no more strange than you or me.'

Presently, that evening pomeone ran into the club cry-"Harold's running amok with a gun." Benjamin joined in the hunt.

And in the stable yard around which are the houses where the two murdered men lived, a man ran calling "Bolt your doors. Harold's running amok with a gun." The two wives of the murdered men were among the five families said he was quite happy as he

#### FOR PRINCE CHARLES DAGGER

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The ruby, an emerald, and a diamond ornament this dagger which four-year-old Prince Hassan of Jordan is to present to Prince Charles.



## 'Gift for Prince

DRINCE CHARLES receive a present from four-year-old Prince Hassan of Jordan, now in London with his mother. Queen Zein .It..is..an . Arabian ≟dagger,.. a foot long, curved and costly. The blade is of steel; the handle—set with a ruby and an emerald—and the sheath are of gold. In the richly

chased scabbard is a diamond Prince Charles will be able to wear the dagger. With it goes a waist-band of gold thread with a gold clasp. Queen Zein told the Queen about the gift when they had lunch together at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

# Rescued:

London Express Service

Thirty-seven crewmen rescued in mid-Pacific today from the American freighter Quartette as rolling seas poured into the ship's ripped hull.

The crew were taken aboard the American ship Frontenae Victory, which headed immediately for Midway, 90 miles to the west. Captain C. Cathambls and three officers were transferred to a Navy patrol boat and will walt for instructions concerning possible salv-

The Quartette carried a cargo of wheat destined for Korea .-United Press.

# Arms

Four men were sentenced by Mr Justice E. H. Williams, Senio: Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning on charges of armed robbery and possession of arms and ammunition. The accused were Wong Shufal, 28, figherman, Chan Luk, 31, Cheng Lau, 31, and Wong Ming.

Possession

alias Wong Plu, 39. The first and fourth accused were charged with robbery aggravation at Big Wave Bay Stanley, on September 22, while the second, third and fourth were additionally charged with session of arms and emmunition. The robbery took place at the Ham Fat Cheung grocery store,

Big Wave Bay. Mr Patrick Yu, Crown Counsel, who prosecuted, said it could not be ascertained whether the two weapons found in the possession of the fourth accused were the actual ones used in the robbery.

Mr Justice Williams sentenced the first and third accused to seven years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane on the robbery count, and the fourth accused to eight years' labour and 12 strokes of the cane for the same offence. Second accused was given

possession of arms. Concurrent sentences of one year's hard labour possession were imposed the third and fourth accused while the fourth acquised was given a concurrent term of five years for possession of arms

and ammunition. The Court ordered confiscation of all arms and ammunition seized by the Police.

# Death

London, Dec. 22. The widow of Mr Ralph Deakin, Imperial and foreign news editor of the London Times. told a coroner here today she locked the door of her bedroom the night before her husband died because "I had reason to suspect he might kill me." Mr Deakin, aged 64, was found dead in bed last Friday morning. He had been foreign news editor of the Times for more than 30 years.

The coroner adjourned the nouest on him until tomorrow that a pathologist could examine a box of tablets and bottle found in Mr Deakin'. Mrs Deakin testified that last

August her husband told her he was going to commit suicide. "He pretended he was not in

# SMUGGLER TO GAOL SENT

"Here in Hongkong we cannot tolerate people collecting arms whether they are going to be used here or to be used elsewhere. Lam taking in account that you had no hostile intentions against the inhabitants of Hongkong," declared the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, in the Criminal Sessions this morning when he sentenced a man to two years and six months.

The man, Wong Hon aged 38, unemployed, was represented by Mr A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr J. C. Stewart, and he pleaded guilty to possession of revolvers and 18 rounds of ammunition.

. Mr Clifford, in mitigation, stressed that his client was engaged in smuggling arms out of the Colony for anti-Communist guerilla activities in China. He had no intention of using them here for robbery or any other unlawful purpose. In passing sentence, his Lordship said that he accepted all that Mr Clifford had said on behalf of the accused.

here he had the misfortune to

take the second accused into his

Counsel said that first ac-

cused was a very responsible

family man supporting a

grandmother, aged 83, mother,

64, his wife and three

children, aged seven, five and

Concluding. Mr Clifford said,

"The first accused has not

wasted the time of the Court

and I cannot refrain from re-

iterating the words so often

used by Mr Hin-shing Lo.

namely, he who pleads milty

must be dealt with leniently."

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remarks reported earlier, his

Lordship said to the second

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His Lordship declared, "I will

not tolerate people who carry

orms on their person in the

CORRUPTION

CHARGE

A Police Corporal, Ling

Ling is accused of corruptly

receiving \$50 from Wong Wai-

hing on condition that he would

not take Police action against

Wong and his friend Laws

Gold Smugglers

Detected

Arrested while attempting to

import gold from Macao with-

out a permit, Wong Su-kit, 27,

Chan So, 24, Chan Hot-sing, 86,

and Yer Chut-yui, 03, falled to

appear in court this morning

and had their \$100 bail estreated

and the 84 gold bars, weighing

the Tai Yip Wharf on Monday

between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The

first , three defendants were

Yu, the fourth defendant had

Defendants were arrested on

Defendant is represented by

Chun-pong, 27, was remanded

for five days in custody by Mr

Ind merit in his case at all.

robbery in the street.

streets of Hongloong.":

tion in office.

Yuk-kal,

After passing sentence on the

confldence.

two years.

man. Chan Chun- 1 Coming back to Hongkong he chung, aged 30, unemployed, became personal servant to a was given six years and 12 military officer and had a goodstrokes of the cane. He had record. He helped in smuggling earlier pleaded guilty to pos- out several army officers and he session of a revolver and six himself went to Chung Shan rounds of ammunition. It was village where he organised as stated that he had betrayed band of guerillas. On return Wong Hon to the Police.

It was disclosed by Mr G. R. Sneath, Crown Counsel, that the Colt revolver found in the second accused's possession had been used in a murder in Hongkong. He was not saying that the accused was in any way responsible for that crime.

Crown Counsel said that on the evening of October 22, Sub-Insp. Indge-Buckingham was on routine visit to hotels in Kowloon when he heard a commo-On investigating he found second 'accused on the ground struggling and when arrested he was found to have a Colt revolver fully loaded with six rounds.

When taken to the Police Station and questioned, he gave information to the Police and as a result, Det-Insp." Askew had storted off by betraying his with a party went to a hut occupied by the first accused. They found a brown paper parcel which contained a Smith and Wesson revolver, fully loaded. There was also a small envelope which had six rounds of ammunition.

## THROWS GUN AWAY

Prior to entering the hut Insp. Askew heard a splash in four years' hard labour for the nullah. The object was retrieved and it was a paper parcel with another Smith and Wesson also fully loaded. When It was shown to him, first accused said "Yes, I threw it out of the window."

When charged, first accused, in R. W. S. Winter at Central this a statement, admitted the offence morning on a charge of corrupand said he hoped the Inspector would ask the Judge to deal leniently with him as he had an aged grandmother, mother and young wife to support.

Second accused, in his statement, said that although he was responsible for the offence the Mr F. X. D'Almada, guns were not taken out for any unlawful purpose. He had reported to the Police at Kowloon City three days previously. He had removed the runs from 57. Woosung Street, first floor. to the hut off Castle Peak Road. His original intention was to assist the Police.

In mitigation, Mr Clifford said that the revolvers were not for any purpose of robbery. His client collected guns to take over the border for anti-Communist guerilla activities. 5 tacls each, confiscated. Counsel said that he was not going on any surmise.

# WAR-TIME LEADER

The first accused was a leader | searched and each | was found of anti-Japanese guerillas during to be carrying eight gold bars. the occupation. There was a picture of him in an American 10 gold bars hidden on his permagazine showing him proudly i son. surrounded by arms which the had collected to take back to

Counsel said that the accused Radio Hongkong was a victim of war in mote

# Living Language

Why, we say Coster-

The Anglo-Saxon word mang meant a mixture, and a monger was originally a man who sold n mixture of things. "Coster" is a corruption of "costard", a kind o apple. A "coster nonger" was once a man who sold only apples but nowadays the word is used describe any street-hawker, pecially one who fruit and vegetable.

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at O.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which. in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times, can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office. The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post oШce.

Christmas Arrangements On Thursday, December 25 there will be one general delivery commencing 10 a.m. Priday 16.

There will be no delivery on public counters at the G.P.O. and Kowloon P.O. will be open on December 25 and 26 for the sale of stamps, and delivering of parcels from 9 m.m. to noch. All other Post Offices will be closed on these days.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23-By Alt

Indo-China/ France, French North and West Africa, 4.30 p.m., Air Victaccused that he could find Philippines, Guam, Hawail, U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m., P.A.L. Malaya, Ceylon, Slam, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain, friend and then he had picked Europe, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C. By Surface Maceo. 9 am.; 8 p.m., se Lee Hong/

Indo-Cmme, 3 p.m., as Bun On. Philippines, Indonesia, 5 p.m., 2 Emilie Maerak, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 Formora, Japan, 0 a.m., via C.A.T. Blam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia New Zealand, 4.30 p.m., C.P.A. Indo-China (Tonkin only), 4,30 p.m., Formora, Okinewa, U.S.A.,

York), Canada, o p.m., H.K.A. Japan, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C. Mecao, 9 a.m.; 6 p.m., se Lee Hong, Tak Boing.

China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m. train via Canton. Phylippines, 11 a.m., as Toulouse.

Biam, Il a.m., ss Horyu Maru. Malays, Burms, 1 p.m., ss Chun Formose, 9 a.m. as Wing Sang. CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 Philippines, Guam, Hawati, U.S.A. distigured for life. Analysis Formoss, D.a.m., viz. C.A.T. (San Francisco). Noon, P.A.A. The vessels containing the

Philippines, N. Borneo, 4.30 p.m..

SIDE GLANCES

Europe, Noon, B.O.A.C:

# Alleged Attack With Acid

Woman Disfigured For Life

An alleged attack by man upon the woman with whom he had co-habited for some years and who the mother of his children was described Crown Counsel before Sessions morning, when Lam Hingwing, 30, unemployed, was accused of throwing corrosive fluid with intent on a woman, Tse Sam-mui, 22, at Kowloon on June 17 last. the woman did not lose her eye-

sight, but she' had been disflaured for life. Det. Sub-Insp. J. Hidden, GM, was officer-in-charge of investi-

Accused pleaded not guilty women was empanelled.

cused and the woman met about five years ago when the accused

## SUPPLIED MONEY

She went to a boarding-house in Nathan Road where she bocame ( a prostitute. Arrangements were made by her with irientle "to look infter the "two children, and she maintained them. Accused used to call ht by his transportation became her boarding-house and ask money, said Crown Counsel, and he did this continually. The woman gave him \$10 every two or three days.

About 1 p.m. on June 17, the complainant went with a friend to visit her younger son and met the accused. She later accompanied him to where he lived in Kowloon City to fetch her clothaccused suddenly picked up bowl from underneath the and allegedly poured some corrosive fluid over her face arms and neck. He then entered the kitchen and obtained more fluid which he again threw over

Accused disappeared after that and was not arrested until August 28.

The woman, following attack, was taken to Kowloon Homital. Mr Blair-Kerr said It Myna Moriamate she did not lose her everight, but she had been Shem. Burma, India. Patter that had been used revealed that Middle Zest, Africa, Great British lacy had contained pure sulphairic acid, he added. The trial is proceeding.

# From The Files

We have had a several complaints' lately of the bad appearance of our broad sheet, The oldest of the three local journals, however, some excuse may be claimed on the score of Typical old age; but that has not been the only cause of the bad impressions complained of. In future, one at least of these causes will be remedied, H. Williams, in the use of new Chinese Senior Puisne Judge, at the paper, instead of the dry hard this material of foreign manufacture hitherto printed on. In the course of next year, too, we shall hope to improve appearance still more, by the use of new types; and we have some thought of a new and larger press, by aid of which we shall be enabled to give our supporters a larger Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, acting amount of readable matter than Senior Crown Counsel, who they have hitherto had for the prosecuted, said it was fortunate amount of subscriptions. But these are thoughts only; and, like Mr. Disraeli's political projections—rest in the womb of the future.

Ago

#### CRIMINAL CASES

It is indeed high time for a and a Jury of five men and two | change in the mode of investigating criminal cases prior to Mr Blair-Kerr said the ac- their being brought to the Supreme Court for final judgment. Only a few months was working in the Pacific ago our pen was the sole means Enamel Factory. They later in obtaining the release, from lived together as husband and double irons on the road of a wife and had two children, both poor lad who had been senboys, aged four and two. Some tenced to transportation; and time in August, 1951, the ac-it must have been evident cused lost his employment, and I to all at that time that a little in April or May this year the pain on the part, of our police woman decided to leave him officers would have saved the and carn some money on her | Government from the reculiar position in which they were placed, in having to render bull the solemn verdict of a sworn jury. And now we have another case, in which we are fully satisfied that a great injustice has been done to a poor hard working fisherman, whose family steeped in greater poverty than they were before. The case to which we allude is that of Chaong-fook-chuch's, partially reported in our issue No. 101 of the 18th instant. The writer was of the jury sworn to try one of the two indictments on which the prisoner was arraigned, and had not the case then broke down by reason of the flagrant pering: While she was bending jury of one of the witnesses, down packing her clothing the Police Constable Boyle would have been recalled and altertioned particularly was to. his identification of the Prisoner in auestion. Suffice it here to state that P. C. Boyle, when giving his evidence, swore to that which we now find was purely imaginary.

## NOT HIS CASTLE

A Chinaman's house is not his

casile as in Aberdeen; and so when the door was not opened. resdily, P. C. Boyle broke it down with his foot, rushed up stairs and found a back 'door open-he proceeded through it and found three men-one of them. Chaong-fook-chuen, who he said was twenty yards off (whether towards the Police Station, or towards the cast end where he landed was not stated -but we hear he says it was towards the Police Station)-ho took him in custody, and the Prisoner was afterwards sworn to as having assisted in a piracy on the 7th-8th of October— "No other doors opened out lonthe hill where he was found. and he must have loft How Qui kit's house." Now this italicised. assertion, which has most to do with the prisoner's conviction, is as gross a pieca of perjuly as was ever committed A pathway, entering in rear of the eleventh house east of the one. from which; it was made to appear the prisoner ascaped. runs right to the door, and passing over a small wall continues to the public entrance rear of some houses about two hundred feet further, on; and at twenty yards exactly west of the said bouse there is a passageway direct from the main road At this point, conording to Boyle's deposition, the Prisoner was arrested. We shall return to this subject shortly, and may tell a Little of what we have treatd:: We

# Juror Fined. Benny M. Reibnine, who falled

to answer his name for Jucy service yesterday, was final \$20 by the Chief Justice, Sir Corord Howe, "at the Criminal Bisalons this morning. He explained that he was taken illiand by the time he arrived in town it was noon and big attendance at Court enthely excepted his mind. With man week I would be only ide glad to herve the the Court,"

# warmed. They boiled their doors. They did not know they were already-widowed. Someone class tailing the many did not know they are the many deseard very smart, didnet had ware deseard very smart, didnet had worked benefit had ware desearch very smart, didnet had ware desearch very smart, didnet had ware desearch very smart, didnet had worked benefit had ware desearch very smart, didnet had worked benefit had ware desearch very smart, didnet had worked benefit had ware desearch very smart, didnet had worked benefit had ware designed by the many smart and worked benefit had ware designed by the many smart and worked benefit had worke